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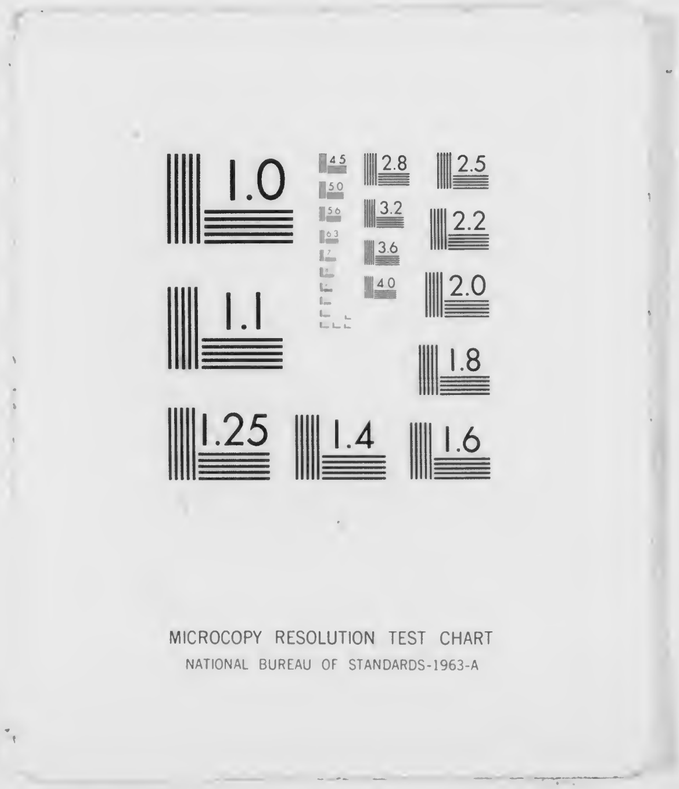
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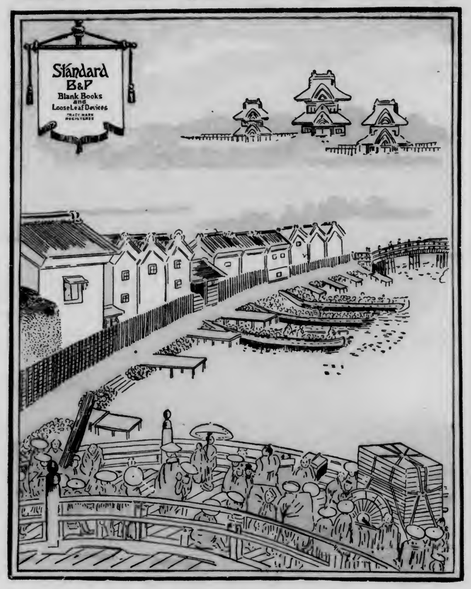
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March 26, 1932

Postmaster
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this, kindly hold all mail for Mrs. Merriam and myself until our arrival.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

March 26, 1932

Publisher
Field and Stream
24 West 45th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Please change my address for Field and Stream from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, to Lagunitas, California, for the summer, changing back to Washington with the October number.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

March 26, 1932

Mr. Harry S. Allen
Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
Commercial Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Please send no more clippings to Washington until next fall as I am closing house here and leaving for Nevada and California in a few days.

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

M/H

Send to Lagunitas

March 26, 1932

Publisher, Literary Digest
354 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

Please change my address for the Literary Digest from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, to Lagunitas, California, for the summer, changing back to Washington with the October number.

Very truly yours

M/H

March 26, 1932

Outdoor Life Publishing Co.
Mount Morris, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Please change my address for Outdoor Life from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, to Lagunitas, California, for the summer, changing back to Washington with the October number.

Very truly yours

M/H

March 26, 1932

Publisher
Rod and Gun in Canada
Montreal, Canada - Box 125, Station A

Dear Sir:

Please change my address for Rod and Gun in Canada from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, to Lagunitas, California, for the summer, changing back to Washington with the October number.

Very truly yours

M/H

March 26, 1932

Publisher
Science and Scientific Monthly
Grand Central Terminal
New York City

Dear Sir:

Please change my address for Science and the Scientific Monthly from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, to Lagunitas, California, for the summer, changing back to Washington with the October number.

Very truly yours

M/H

March 26, 1932

Publisher
American Forests
1523 L Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours

M/H

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March 26, 1932

National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please change my address for the National Geographic from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, to Lagunitas, California, for the summer, changing back to Washington with the October number.

Very truly yours,

M/H

March 31, 1932

Science News Letter
21st and Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please change my address for the Science News Letter from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C., to Lagunitas, California, for the summer months, returning to my Washington address with the October number.

Very truly yours

M/H

March 26, 1932

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

I am planning to start in about a week for my summer's field work in Nevada and California and have arranged with a young man at Fallon to take me south through western Nevada to the Death Valley country before going to my summer base at Lagunitas.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will send me the usual advance check of $500 for field expenses.

My account for the current month I expect to turn in on the 31st.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

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March 29, 1932

Mr. Robert Sterling Yard
General Secretary
National Parks Assn.
700 Twentieth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yard:

Thanks for your letter of the 28th instant in regard to details of the killing of a man by a Grizzly in Yellowstone Park.

Any information in regard to injury to men or women by bears in Yellowstone or other parks would be most thankfully received by me.

With best wishes

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

I am convinced that it is the policy of the National parks to suppress information about injury to persons by bears.
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March 29, 1932

Dr. Francois E. Matthes
Chairman, Com. on Glaciers
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Matthes:

Thanks for your letter of the 24th instant acknowledging the Harriman Alaska Expedition glacier photographs which I had the pleasure of giving to Mr. Field a few days ago for permanent preservation in the files of your important committee.

I feel that the work your committee has undertaken is one of much importance.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

March 29, 1932

Cashier
Crocker National Bank
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing a U. S. Treasury check for $500, which please place to the credit of my account.

Very truly yours

Please change my address from Washington, D. C., back to Lagunitas, California, for the summer.

M/H

March 29, 1932

Mr. Buford L. Fox
Agricultural Commissioner
Bakersfield, California

Dear Mr. Fox:

Again I am obliged to you for additional information concerning the elk herd in Kern County.

It is encouraging to learn of the success of your effort and that of others to preserve this interesting band.

Very truly yours

M/H

March 30, 1932

Mr. Prentiss N. Gray
46 William Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Gray:

My bear paper has not only changed its skin but has grown so much that it is hard to stop adding material and may exceed the limits desired. If so I can easily cut it down.

There are two points I would like to ask about:

(1)The matter of author's separates: Can I have as many of these as I wish to pay for?

(2)Is there any danger that the book will be copyrighted so that I might be handicapped in using this material if I live long enough to publish the book on bears that I have been at work on for nearly forty years?

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

March 30, 1932

Dr. F. W. Hodge
Museum of the Southwest
Los Angeles, California

Dear Doctor Hodge:

Today in getting stuff together for California I found the package of separates of your Henshaw article and am forwarding it by insured mail. It was within reach of my desk all the time, but oddly enough the pamphlets were arranged in two piles side by side so that they made a large flat package which was obscured by others of approximately the same size so that I never suspected its contents.

Am expecting to go to the Death Valley region again next week, and shall surely call on you if you are in Los Angeles at some time during the season.

With best wishes

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

March 30, 1932

Mr. George W. White, President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Thanks for your letter of the 26th instant in regard to the mortgage note. I am greatly disappointed to learn that the payment is to be so long withheld as I have counted on the use of the money. I expect to start for California in three or four days to be gone until October and shall be very glad if the money can be placed to my account in your bank so I may draw on it when necessary.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

March 30, 1932

Dear Doctor Stephens:

When your last letter came some time ago I was disappointed that you were so uncertain that it would not be practicable for us to go to Death Valley together. Furthermore, we both were uncertain as to the time when it would be practicable to start.

I have recently arranged with Claude Mills of Fallon, Nevada, the young man who was with me in Death Valley a year ago, to take me in his car, and expect to meet him at Hazen or Fallon on or about April 6.

I expect to work with Indians in Fish Lake Valley and in the neighborhood of Beatty, and also if practicable at the mouth of Cottonwood Canyon, and possibly may go to the site of the old iron trough known as Eagle Borax Works in Death Valley.

I would like very much to visit the Indians at Ballarat in Panamint Valley, but doubt if it will be practicable this year as I am told the old road is in poor condition; and furthermore, the heat is almost certain to be too great at the time I could get there.

Much as I regret it, it looks therefore as if the chances of our getting together in the Valley are mighty slim. However, if I live a few weeks longer Elizabeth and I hope for the pleasure of seeing you all at Lagunitas.

M/H

March 31, 1932

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for the month of March, amounting to $66.12, which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Please also pay from this fund the following vouchers which you will find enclosed:

Miss Edith Cocke, 2841 Twenty-ninth Street, Washington, D. C., $111.25 for services as typist.

Miss Lois M. Hall, 736 Twenty-second Street, Washington, D. C., $91.88 for services as secretary.

E. Leitz Co., 60 East 10th Street, New York City, $121.81 for Leica telephoto equipment.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

1932

Feb. 23	Fred Lockley, Overland Monthly	1	1	00
Mar. 2	Fuller & d'Albert, developing & printing Leica films	2	3	04
8	Eastman Kodak Stores, enlargements Leica film	3	5	60
16	Express charges, MS to F. Harper	4		38
16	E. Leitz, loose-leaf file for Leica negatives	5	1	62
17	Remington Rand, typewriter cylinder and repairs	6	4	45
19	Chas. G. Stott & Co., Mending tape	7		90
23	Columbia Photo Supply Co., developing and printing Leica films	8	4	53
29	Arthur Allen, photostats of map	9	6	00
	New Process Company, "Mysafe" desk letter safe	10	6	95
	Chas. G. Stott & Co., stationery	11	4	80
31	W. H. Luers, enlarged Leica prints	12	1	61
	Postage and envelopes		1	16
	Street car and bus fares		1	85
	Florence Johnson, waxing office floors		3	00
	Edith Strothers, cleaning office rooms month of Mar.		3	50
	Gas Feb. 18 to March 21, $7.65	1/3 13	2	55
	Electric Current Feb. 13 to Mar.15, $6.10	1/3 14	2	03
	Shell furnace oil, 400 gals. $24.00	1/3	8	00
	Telephone to March 16, $6.35	1/3 15	2	12
31	Telegram to Calif.for shipment of camp outfit to Fallon, Nevada		1	63
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C. Hart Merriam

April 1, 1932

City Assessor
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed notice of assessment on my Ford Sedan has just been forwarded to me.

This car while registered in my name does not belong to me personally but is Government property, paid for by U. S. Treasury check.

For more than thirty years I have been engaged in field work in various states in the West, chiefly from Utah and Arizona to the Pacific Coast. For the past twenty years my summer headquarters has been at Lagunitas, Marin County, California, which is my base for field work in the West--chiefly in California, Nevada, and Oregon. During this period I have had several cars, which in winter have been stored in various places in California, but have never before received or paid any bill for assessment or tax. Evidently the present one is a mistake, and I am returning it to you herewith.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H I am returning to Lagunitas, California, in about two weeks.

April 1, 1932

Automobile Club
Reno, Nevada

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send me your road map of western Nevada showing the best roads south from Hazen or Fallon by way of Walker Lake, Fish Lake Valley, and Amargosa Desert to Death Valley? Shall appreciate the favor if you will indicate places where gas and oil may be obtained, and where a person may stay overnight without a camp outfit.

For more than twenty years I have been continuously a paid-up member of the National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and for the same period of the California Automobile Association. My number for the current year in the District of Columbia division is 150522. My annual dues in the California AAA are paid up to Sept. 1, 1932. My California car license number for 1932 is 3G-3295.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H Please send the map c/o Claude Mills, Fallon, Nev.

Leica Telephoto Costs

March 31, 1932

Statement of cost of telephoto equipment for Leica Camera with items as below:

E. Leitz Co., 60 East 10th Street, New York City

telephoto 135mm, $60.00	
wide angle lens 35mm, $33.00	
Universal view finder, $14.70	
new shutter, $2.10	
converting Model A Leica camera into Model C., $18.00	
total $127.80 less 10%,	$115.02
overhauling and installing	6.00
postage and insurance	.79
Total of Bill	$121.81

April 2, 1932

Mr. L. M. Klauber
Box 1374
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Klauber:

You have given me a great surprise and at the same time much pleasure by your most valuable contribution of Herpetological papers bearing on the Snakes, Lizards, and Salamanders of Southern California.

I had not dreamed that anyone had done the vast amount of detailed technical work on these animals that you obviously have done.

And your excellent Herpetological review of the Hopi Snake Dance is a highly prized contribution to my Ethnological library on the Southwest with special reference to these interesting people.

I am just setting out on the season's field work in Nevada and California with headquarters as usual at Lagunitas, a short distance north of San Francisco Bay.

With best wishes and renewed thanks

Very truly yours

C. H[illegible]

M/H

Wrote to him August 10, 1931
asking what had become
of proof.

April 2, 1932

Mr. Prentiss N. Gray
183rd St. & Southern Blvd.
New York City

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thanks for your letter of March 31.

In accordance with your desire expressed therein I have withheld the main part of what I have written on t'e Bears, and am sending you herewith by registered mail enough material to fill the 1500 words you mentioned, arranged under the following subjects:

The Big Bears	Major Groups of American Bears
Bears of the World	Bear and Man
Bears of America	Power of the Bear's Stroke

I am retaining matter under the following heads:

Historical	Ranges
Ancestral, Aberrant, and Fossil Bears	Overlapping Ranges
Outstanding Species of Grizzlies	Former Abundance
Food of Bears	Protective Coloration
Bear Meat	Distribution and Habitats
Attacking Man	Hibernation and Young
Eating Man	Bears Sucking Their Paws
Disposition and Attributes	Grizzlies Versus Big Brown Bears
Age Attained by Bears	Size and Measurements
Ground Ploughed by Bears	

My address from now on will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours

M/H

THE BIG BEARS

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Ever since Bear and man came to dwell on the same ground, each has been of interest to the other. This is shown by huge skulls and rude but unmistakable pictures of the Giant Cave Bear of Europe that adorn some of the caves occupied by prehistoric man. And in America there is every reason to believe though absolute proof is lacking that the Big Bears and man were well known to each other and were enemies.

Bears of the World

Bears are primarily a Boreal group, belonging to the colder parts of the world. In the Northern Hemisphere they range completely around the globe, inhabiting the Polar ice fields, the colder parts of all the large land masses, and some of the adjacent islands. But in the Southern Hemisphere they are few and widely separated.

In North America a century ago Grizzlies of one species or another ranged almost continuously from the Arctic Ocean to southern California and the State of Durango. Black Bears from the mouth of the Mackenzie River to northern Mexico and southern Florida.

In Eurasia the true bears (genus Ursus) range from Scandanavia easterly across the vast expanse of Siberia to Kamchatka, Japan, and the Island of Sagalin, and south to the Himalayas and also, though in isolated colonies, to Germany, Austria and even to the Pyrenees of Spain, and easterly to Syria, Persia, and China.

In Asia, in addition to the true bears there are two aberrant types--the Sloth or Honey Bears (genus Melursus) of India and Ceylon, and the small Sun Bears (genus Helarctos) of Burma, Siam, the Malay Peninsula, and even the large islands Sumatra, Java, and Borneo.

In Africa, Bears are unknown except a single species (Ursus crowtheri) which is restricted to the Atlas Mountains.

In South America also there is only one--the small and very aberrant spectacled Bear of the Andes (genus Tremarctos). This little animal is the sole living survivor of a large group which in Pleistocene times ranged over vast areas in both North and South America.

There are no Bears in Australia, Papua, or New Zealand.

Bears of America

North America is the land of bears. No other country approaches it. In fact, all the bears known from all other parts of the world together fall far short of the number in this continent. And here the greatest bear center, both as to species and individuals, is an area in the northwest embracing Alaska, Yukon, and British Columbia. Hence, so far as the living species are concerned, the development of the bear tribe in this area is without a parallel.

In North America the splitting up of species to meet the requirements of climate and food has gone so far that there are bears for every temperature from the edge of the tropics to the pole, and for the varying degrees of dryness and moisture from the borders of deserts where the annual rainfall is less than six inches, to the humid Pacific coast where it exceeds 110 inches. And furthermore there are bears for almost every type of country: For the Everglades and palmetto marshes of Florida, the canebrakes and cypress swamps of the Gulf States, the arid Desert Ranges and chaparral hills of southern California and

Arizona, the dense coniferous forests of the Pacific coast, the vast meadowlike expanses of verdure that overspread Kadiak Island and Alaska Peninsula, the lonely mossy tundras, and even the barren icefields of the Polar Seas.

Major Groups of American Bears

The Bears of America appear to fall naturally into five generic groups:

The Polar Bears, genus Thalarctos
The Grizzly, Barren Ground, Brown, and Giant Alaska Bears, genus Ursus
The Black and Cinnamon Bears, genus Euarctos
The South American Bears, genus Tremarctos
The Patriarchal Bear, genus Vetularctos

Of these, the Polar Bears and the South American Bears depart most widely from the ordinary type.

The Grizzlies, comprising the so-called Barren Ground, Brown, and Giant Alaska Bears, inhabit the western half of North America from the Arctic Ocean southward to northern Mexico. They never occupied the whole continent, being absent from eastern Canada and the eastern United States--their eastern limit crossing

Manitoba, the Dakota-Minnesota boundary, western Nebraska and Kansas and extreme western Texas.

Grizzly Bears were well known to Indians and Eskimo from time immemorial--doubtless for many thousands of years--but the first white man to record their existence appears to have been Samuel Hearne of the Hudson's Bay Company. Hearne in the course of his remarkable overland journey to the Arctic Ocean discovered dens of Grizzlies in the Coppermine River country in July 1771[1]

The Black Bears inhabit most parts of North America from the northern limit of trees south to northern Mexico, except the arid deserts and broad open plains.

The Patriarchal Bear (Vetularctos) is an inhabitant of the arctic tundra between Great Bear Lake and the Polar Ocean. The type and only known specimen was collected at Rendezvous Lake June 24, 1864 by that intrepid explorer of the Hudson's Bay Company--Robert McFarlane. Its molar teeth differ in important details from those of Ursus and Euarctos and suggest an ancient lineage, with affinities toward Arctotherium and Tremarctos.

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[1] Hearne's Journey, p. 140, published 1795.

Bear and Man

Since long before prehistoric man arrived in America, man and Bear have been enemies. In the 'Old World' when domesticated animals, sheep, goats, and cattle, came to be raised and herded by man, bear found these animals much to his liking and a never-ceasing warfare sprang up between them. The Polar Bear regarded man as an article of food, and the same is likely to have been true of the Great Cave Bear of Europe, and possibly of others. But in America it does not appear that our Bears--Black, Brown, or Grizzly--ate the bodies of the men they killed. However, as time went on, bears came to be hunted, for the aboriginal Americans, like their ancestors in Eurasia, found them useful for food and clothing. But the weapons of primitive man were ill adapted to warfare with such formidable antagonists, and the Bear was often the aggressor. Even in the days of our grandfathers, Bears attacked and killed people. Today, though much more rarely, they do the same.

It is the fashion nowadays to belittle the fierceness of the

Big Bears, many writers claiming that Grizzlies are friendly animals, never attacking man except in self defence or in defence of their young. Nevertheless everyone at all familiar with the history of western America must know that from the earliest period of which we have record until the development of modern breachloading rifles, Grizzlies were as much dreaded--and as justly so--as are Lions in Africa and Tigers in India. This is abundantly proved not alone by the statements of old Indians and frontiersmen, but also by the published accounts of early explorers.

Beliefs of Primitive Man

Our native Indians and Eskimos are deeply impressed by the many resemblances in form and anatomy of the skinned bear to human beings. In fact, more than one California Indian has told me that there are three kinds of people, Whitemen, Indians, and Bears. They assure me that Bears are like people: They can stand and walk upright; they have hands and can take hold of things; and when the hide is taken off, their bodies are found to be like ours; and furthermore, that they are able to understand what people say, and that both old and young Bears like to dance. These beliefs

naturally developed a reverential feeling toward bears, leading to the conviction that Bears possess supernatural or spiritual qualities. In fact, many tribes, on killing a Bear still deem it prudent to placate or propitiate its spirit by elaborate ceremonies, ending in some cases by placing the skull on a pole and forbidding its desecration or removal.

--Power of the Bear's Stroke

The power of the blow struck by a full grown grizzly is beyond comprehension. Not only can he kill a horse, smash in the skull or the ribs of a man or break the neck of an ox with a single stroke of his paw, but in the same manner it was his practice to slay the monarch of the plains--the mighty buffalo bull, whose massive form and huge shaggy neck would seem to defy any antagonist.

In California in the days of the Spanish-Mexican possession it was the fashion to entertain strangers with Bear and Bull fights. Accounts of eyewitnesses say that the bear often met the bull's charge with a lightning-like sweep of his paw that broke the bull's neck, thus instantly putting an end to the encounter.

Sir James Carnegie tells of a remarkable instance of this kind that took place in the North Saskatchewan region in 1859. Four Buffalo bulls were feeding by themselves when a large Grizzly advanced very deliberately toward them, attacked each in turn, and with a single sweep of his paw, broke its neck. The fourth bull was younger than the others and had sharper horns. There was a more protracted grapple, and as the bull fell dead the bear dragged himself off, mortally wounded.

April 2, 1932

Mr. George S. Hamilton
Two Rivers, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Your letter of March 30 reaches me just as I am leaving for California and Nevada where I expect to be engaged in field work for the next five or six months, so it will be better not to send your big skull until my return in the fall.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

April 4, 1932

Mr. Donald Dickey
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Dickey:

Thanks for your interesting letter of March 22. Sorry my suggestion put you to so much trouble.

However, what I was rather anxious to know is whether or not you had changed your point of view in regard to the value of real Natural History. It appears that we still agree--as of old.

I am writing in great haste as Mrs. Merriam and I are leaving Washington tomorrow for California where I expect to spend the season as usual. I am stopping off in Nevada for a trip south to the Death Valley region, though I may not actually go to the southern part of Death Valley, owing to the heat.

At some time during the season I expect to visit southern California and will of course endeavor to see you. On the other hand should you be in the Bay region I hope you will give us a little visit at Lagunitas.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Dickey

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

April 4, 1932

Mr. Ovid Butler
Editor, American Forests
1727 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butler:

Replying to your letter asking for photographs of Alaska Black and Grizzly Bears, would say that I am leaving for California tomorrow and am under great stress to get my summer outfit packed and off, so that it will be impracticable for me to hunt up photographs at this late hour--even assuming that I may have any that would be available.

Why not deal directly with people known to have just what you want, namely: The American Nature Assn., Holtsworth, Finley, and the Biological Survey.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

April 4, 1932

Dr. William Duncan Strong
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Strong:

Very many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me several of your papers, all of which I am very glad to have--particularly the one telling about the Big Hunwit who killed two Indian women on Cahuilla Peak a number of years ago. Wish I could get hold of his skull.

As you see from this, we have not yet gone to California, but are starting tomorrow.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Strong and yourself

Very truly yours

M/H

Your Labrador Mammal paper is chuckfull of interest--and sometimes makes me smile. Just one statement bothers me. You were told of a mythical beast that whistled whew-u-u, which you liken to the call of a Quail. But the only bird known to me who makes a noise like this is the Olive-sided Flycatcher whom we used to call Contopus borealis but which the younger generation call Nuttallornis.

April 4, 1932

Mr. Frederick W. Wildon
Adin, California

My dear Friend:

Your letter reaches me just as I am setting out for Nevada and California.

Unfortunately I am afraid I cannot help you.

I have always claimed that Indians ought to be granted the right to hunt and fish for their own use regardless of the Whiteman's Game Laws; but unfortunately for the Indians the Whiteman's law does not take it that way.

I don't think any barrister can help you, because he would have to butt against a violation of the Game Laws. I am very sorry but I do not think of any way to help you. You know I would if I could.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

April 5, 1932

Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On and after April 5 please forward to Lagunitas, California, all letter mail addressed to Mrs. C. Hart Merriam or myself at 1919 Sixteenth Street.

All other mail should be turned over to the postman, Mr. John P. Thomas, for attention.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

April 5, 1932

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today April 5 I am closing my house 1919 Sixteenth Street, bound for California where as usual my address will be Lagunitas, Marin County. I shall be obliged if you will as heretofore have your patrolman for this district keep his eye on my house from time to time as he passes.

In case of trouble please notify Vernon Bailey, 1834 Kalorama Road, or Mrs. Marcus Baker, 1905 Sixteenth Street.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M/H

April 5, 1932

Water Department
District Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I have turned the water off from my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, to remain off during my absence in California. I do not expect to return until late in October, and the house will remain unoccupied during my absence.

Very truly yours

M/H

April 5, 1932

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house for the summer and do not expect to return until late in October. I shall be obliged therefore if you will disconnect my telephone, Decatur 6487, until further notice.

Very truly yours

M/H

April 5, 1932

Washington Gas Light Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the summer, and have turned off the gas where it enters the house in the basement. No gas should be turned on until my return late in October.

Very truly yours

M/H

April 5, 1932

Potomac Electric Power Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the summer. The electric current is turned off in the basement where it enters the house, and should remain so until my return which will probably be late in October.

Very truly yours

M/H

Lagunitas, Calif.
April 22, 1932

Dr J. C. Merriam
Carnegie Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear J.C:

A letter from Mrs Hall came this morning telling that she has just received the bills from the three Doctors who attended her husband in Washington.

Dr White's charge is	$150
Dr Stanley's	300
Dr Penhollow's	900

Is it a wonder that she is somewhat appalled?

I'm just back from Death Valley. Hired a young man to drive me from Hazen, Nevada, to Tonopah and Death Valley, returning by way of Goldfield, Lida, Fish Lake and Deep Springs and Owens Valleys, Bishop, Montgomery Pass and so on to Fallon and Hazen, where I took train for Berkley and had a day with Elizabeth and Zenaida and family.

The verdure and flowers at Berkeley and Lagunitas are simply overwhelming and of course a great joy.

Elizabeth joins in love to you both.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1932

Shell Eastern Petroleum Products CO
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to the enclosed bill of $12.00 for Shell Furnace Oil delivered in March, would call your attention to the fact thaton March 25, just before leaving Washington for California, I sent you my check for Fuel Oil delivered in March, $24.00 for 400 gals to date(check no 55 National Metropolitan Bank, Washington,D.C.).

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Thurlow

Lagunitas, Calif.

April 30, 1932

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

I'm back again at Lagunitas after a pretty hard but most successful field trip of about a thousand miles by automobile over the deserts of Nevada to Death Valley, Calif. and lots of other places. Worked with a number of Indians of several Shoshonean tribes and obtained much badly needed information on language and tribal boundaries.

Confidentially, I'll admit that I'm not so young as formerly, and that driving over deserts at 45 to 55 mibes an hour and working long hours with Indians both early and late, is not so restful as it used to be.

Enclosed is my expense account for April, (amounting to $575.59) which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, California

Expense Account for April, 1932

Mar 30	C.G.Stott: Letter Copybook of 1000 pages		6	75
	Allen's Press Clippings (Indians) for Feb.	M.L.	4	24
Apr.4	Leitz Inc.2 Leica magazines & films	M.L.	6	21
5	F.Johnson:Covering Office files cases &c for summer		3	00
	Allen's Press Clippings for March	M.L.	5	01
	Nature Magazine for 1932		3	00
6	Fidelity Storage Co & Express insured to California			
	Vocabularies, Manuscripts &c	M.M.	16	43
	RR Fare, Washn to San Francisco & Los Ang.& return		191	21
	Compartment		88	50
	Trunk to station 75:Taxi 25; station porter 25		1	25
	Telegram to Claude Mills, Fallon,Nevada		1	37
7	Chicago: checking handbaggage 30; Porters in & out 50			80
	" 6 rolls film 1.80; Bottle Ink35		2	15
6-8	Meals en route(3 days @ $4.50)$13.50;car porters 1.		14	50
8-17	Auto Field trip(about 1000 miles): Hazen, Nevada,to			
	Tonopah, Beatty, Furnace Creek(Death Valley) & ret.			
	via Amargosa, Goldfield, Lida, Fish Lake & Deep Spgs			
	Valleys, Owens Valley,Montgomery Pass,Mina, & Hazen			
9	Hawthorn 4 gals gas 1.00;Tonopah 11 gas 2.45;Oil.45		3	90
	Meals self & asst		3	80
10	Tonopah; Mizpah Hotel, Room self & asst	M.S.	5	00
	Gas 11 gals 2.45;Oil 45;Car storage 50;bkfst & din 3.60		7	00
10-13	Furnace Cr Inn,D.V.Hotel self & asst	M.S.	34	50
	Pd Panamint Indians,2 days 6; 2 films 70		6	70
	Hotel porters 50; 6 gals gas & oil 2.20		2	70
13	Beatty,Nev. 6gals gas & 1 qt oil 1.50;Inds 2.50;meals4.10		8	10
	Amargosa:3½ gals gas 90;6 films 1.80; battery repair 50		3	20
14	Goldfield Hotel: Room,self & asst.	M.S.	4	00
	Car storage 50; repair radiator leak 50; meals 4.50		5	50
	Pd Shoshone & Piute Inds Lida & Fish Lake Val 3;meals 4		7	00
15	Big Pine, Calif:Hotel Butler, room	M.S.	2	00
	Meals 3.50; Pd Inds 2.50;6 gals gas 1.38; Ink 25		7	63
	Car storage 50; oiling car 1.50		2	00
16	Bishop,Calif; Katie Lee Inn, Room	M.S.	6	00
	Meals 4.50; Pd Owens Val Inds (Vocab) 3.50;Mina Inds 50		8	50
17	Mina Hotel Room	M.S.	2	00
	Meals 3.50		3	50
	Fallon Garage: 1 Firestone H.D. tire & tube(4.75 x 19)	M.S.	11	80
	Pd Claude Mills, services and car, Hazen,Nevada to			
	Death Valley & return, April 8 to 17 incl	M.M.	75	00
	Sleeper, Hazen to Berkeley 5.75; porter 25		6	00
18	Berkeley, Calif. Taxi & trunk 1.50; bkfst 1.		2	50
19	Richmond-San Rafael Ferry,car & self 85;motor oil 1.50		2	35
25	San Anselmo, 5 gals gas.73; Science Press Separates 9.76		10	49

$575 59

April 30, 1932

Mr Geo. W. White, President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr White:

The A.L. and J.S. Parker mtg note for $1000 which I hold falls due on May 14, 1932. I do not wish to renew and shall be obliged if you will kindly deposit to my account in your bank and notify me when paid.

I trust that the unfortunate Barnes note is being adjusted and will soon be paid.

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Marriam

Laguntas, Calif.

May 1, 1932

Mr Prentiss N. Gray
183d St & So Blvd
New York City

My dear Mr Gray:

Glad to know from your letter of April 21 that you are satisfied with my Bear article. But it is impossible to send you any more, for the reason that the manuscript is locked in one of my safes in my Washington house, which is closed for the season.

On the way out here I dropped off at Hazen, Nevada, and made an auto trip of about a thousand miles to Death Valley and the Amargosa, going by way of Tonopah and Goldfield, and returning via Lida, Fish Lake and Deep Springs and Owens Valleys, Montgomery Pass and Beatty. There is still deep snow in the mountains and the weather was cold.

Very truly yours,

May 18,1932

Mrs Emily Stewart Jones
325 Flint St., Reno, Nevada

Dear Emily:

Thanks for your interesting letter of April 24. But it is sad that your father after so many years of patient and painstaking work should not have lived to put it in shape for publication. I feel this most keenly because the great bulk of my own work is in the same unfinished condition--and I am now past seventy seven.

No other person can due justice to the unfinished manuscripts of someone else, for which reason it is hard to give advise. And after thinking it over for a couple of days I have come to the conclusion that your suggestion to leave it for the present in the California State Library, may be the best thing to do.

On the other hand, if the legends and myths he collected are nearly in shape for publication, could you not arrange them for the printer so that this mutch might appear without too mutch delay?

It may develop that in the near future someone whose work we respect, and of course who would give full credit for your father's unfinished material, will appear. Meanwhile the matter will be in mind.

By the way, do you happen to know anything about W.T.Duncan, who writes newspapers (articles) about Yokuts of Yokohl Valley in the old days?

Kind regards, C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1932

Judge Fred A. Baker
Indian Agency
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Judge Baker:

Very many thanks for your letter of April 14 enclosing a list of Wuksache Indians with their addresses. Although fairly familiar with this tribe and the country they live in, I had no idea that so many were still alive. Some I infer from their names strike me as probably not true Wuksache, though coming from related tribes speaking essentially the same language. I hope to interview some of them during the present season.

The tribe I was and am particularly anxious to get in touch with is the WEMILCHE. You mentioned this tribe in one of your early reports and I should be greatly pleased if you could tell me where any of them live.

My delay in acknowledging your letter is due to my absence on a thousand-mile auto trip to Death Valley.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1932

Mr G. N. Jameson
Burns, Oregon

My dear Sir:

Your letter of April 18 was forwarded to me by Vernon Bailey and would have been acknowledged earlier but for the fact that I have been away on a thousand mile auto trip to Death Valley.

I am very glad that you and MrFrank W. Thompson are willing to let us have your interesting Grizzly skull from Malheur Lake. It will be preserved in our collection of Bears in the National Museum at Washington.

In payment, I am enclosing my check on the Crocker National Bank of San Franciscofor twenty five dollars.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Kindly sign and return the enclosed voucher.

May 12, 1932

Mr Marius Barbeau
National Museum
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr Barbeau:

Again I am indebted to you for a batch of interesting Grizzly Bear stories from the Wilds of Canada.

Returning to my summer base at Lagunitas, California,after a thousand-mile auto trip through the deserts of western Nevada and eastern California, I found them on my desk, and have read them with interest and smiles.

They have the flavor of some of the tales I was amused and thrilled by in the mountains of Idaho and Wyoming sixty years ago. Now on our side of the line the old-time hunter and trapper is little more than a memory.

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending them.

Am hurrying to get off on another field trip.

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Very truly yours,

Retake of Preceding Frame

May 12, 1932

Mr Edwin M°Kee
Park Naturalist
Grand Canyon, Arizona

Dear Mr M°Kee:

Can you tell me:

Do any Southern Piutes live at Kanab? Or, do all that band live at Moccasin Springs? And, how far is Moccasin Springs from Kanab? And, can an ordinary well-behaved Ford get there?

Also: How early is it likely to becom- fortable weather for working there? And, is there any stopping place at Kanab, so a man could get along without a camp outfit?

Sorry to bother a busy man but do'nt think of any other way to find these things out.

With kind regards to Mrs M°Kee and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Returned a few days ago from a thousand-mile auto trip over western Nevada down to Death Valley, Calif. Lots of cream in mine & still unspoiled.

May 12, 1932

Mr. Phil M'Kee
Park Naturalist
Grand Canyon, Arizona

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Returned a few days ago from a thousand-mile auto trip across western Nevada down Death Valley, Calif. Lots of snow in mts & cold everywhere.

Retake of Preceding Frame

May 31, 1932

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of May, amounting to $325.39, which kindly pay me from the Harriman Fund as usual.

During the month I have worked with Indians in three fairly remote areas, in course of which I have driven my Ford car more than twelve hundred miles.

The items for meals and lodging in the accompanying account are without exception for two persons--my asst and driving helper, Alvin Martinelli, who for several years has been working in a Buic garage.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Expense Account for May, 1932

Apr 26	Science Press Reprints with covers		1	9	76
" 28	E.H.Swenson,Devel.& ptg 6 rolls film		2	3	62
May 1-2	Sausalito Ferry ret 25;car storage 50;meals 1.50; Street cars 20; 8 gals gas 1.16			2	25
2	H.S.Crocker, 1 Swan Fountain pen		3	1	36
3	E.H. Swenson, Photo work		4	5	00
5	Sausalito Ferry ret 25;storage 35;6 gals gas85;			4	81
10	" " " 25; " 35; gas 1; st cars20			1	45
	Allen's Press Clippingsfor April		5	1	80
14	Sausalito Ferry ret 25;car storage 35; taxi & St cars small battery 25; meals 1.5o		1.4o	5	18
14	Spindler & Sauppe, Photo work		6	2	00
14	Spindler & Sauppe,Camera case 9.90;tripod,ball head& view-finder 9.60;hd magnifyer 6.50 & odds & ends		7	1	75
16	SanRaf-Richmond Ferry,car,self,& asst(Alvin Martinelli)			42	00
	Tracy,6 rolls film 1.30;lunch self & asst1.35;6 gas 90			1	00
	Fresno, 8 gas 1.16;oil 70; Visalia, dinner self & asst			2	55
17	Visalia, Hotel Johnson,Room, self & asst(Martinelli		8	2.	86
"	Garage, Night storage 50;3 gas 44		9	5	00
17	Meals for 2: Bkfst 1.30; Lunch 1.25; Dinner 1.80				94
	Pd Tejon Indians:Chf 1;Juan Olivos 2; Angelito 1;other1			4	35
18	Bakersfield, Habersfield Garage:Oiling car,stopping leak			5	00
"	Hotel El Tejon,Room & phones		11	7	95
"	El Tejon Garage, Night storage		12	6	00
"	5 gas 70; oil15; Meals for two 400				50
				4	85

May 18	Kernville, 7½ gas 1.30; Pd two Indian women 3.			4 30
19&20	So Fk Kern, Pd Tubotelobel Inds, Steven Maranda & son			10 50
20	Kernville, 7gas 2.46; oil 35			2 80
	" A. Brown Co. 6 rolls film		13	1 80
21	" Mountain Inn, Room bkfsts & dinners 18-21		14	14 10
19-21	Lunches, self & asst			4 00
22	Visalia, Hotel Johnson, Room self & asst 4.50; Phones		15	7 10
	" Nt storage 50; 7gals gas 1.02		16	1 52
22	Drove 268 miles (Visalia to Tule Riv, Merced & Tracy)	Meals		5 00
23	Tracy Hotel, Room self & asst		17	5 40
	" Levand Garage, Storage, Gas, & oil		18	1 70
	San Rafael, 5 gas			73
	Alvin Martinelli, Services Asst May 16-23 incl @ 5.		19	40 00
26-27	Sausalito Ferry 25; Day & nt storage 85; Phones 60			1 70
	San Francisco, Street cars & taxi 1.75; meals 1.50			3 25
27	Spindler & Sauppe, 90mm telephoto 46.50; ex case, repairs, and films 5.60		20	52 10
31	SanRafael-SanFrancisco ret 60; St cars 25; 6 gas 87			1 72
	San Francisco, Dinner 1.		21	1 00
	San Rafael, Ford Garage, Cleaning & flushing Radiator,			50
31	Eric H. Swenson, Photo work		22	12 42
Omitted:				
	May 18: Frank W. Thompson, Old Grizzly skull from Malheur Lake, Oregon		23	25 00
	May 5: SanFrancisco, 6 films 1.80; dinner 1; St cars 30			3 10
				325 39

Three hundred, twenty five --- * * thirty nine ± .

325.39

C. Hart Merriam

June 6, 1932

Mr Eric H. Swenson Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the big batch of photo prints (288) just recieved.

Many were correctly placed in envelopes, with the side of the film box labeled by me, but the larger number, comprising all of the large last lot, came all mixed up without any of the original labels, so I have worked all day in trying to place them. This is very bad business and a serious loss to me--as it is impossible for me to remember so many mountains and valleys.

Am enclosing herewith my check on the Crocker Bank for the amount($43.20) of your memorandum tag, and shallbe obliged if you will send a regular bill, receipted, as I have to send it to Washington as a voucher.

C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1932

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed (in two envelopes) is my account for the month of June, overlapping to July 2 in order to close the last long trip, and amounting to $ 341.39.

During the month I have made two trips to widely different regions: the first to the Tule River Indians in California; the last to various tribes in Nevada, Arizona, and Utah.

The route of the last trip covered two thousand two hundred miles, mainly over hot deserts in temperatures of 105° to 110°, but on one mountain in Utah falling so low that we ran for many miles between big snowbanks.

Besides Indians, we found colonies of Woodchucks and Prairiedogs.

Secured vocabularies from several much needed Shoshonian tribes, difficult of access.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Carbon & Subsequently in another envelope

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California

Expense Account for June 1932

		Sub Acct.	
June 3	Eric Swenson: 288 photo enlargments @ 15 cts	1	43 20
4	5 gals gas 80; 8 rolls film 2.40		3 20
6	Auto trip to Tule River Indians; Asst & driver Alvin Martinelli. Richmond Ferry, car and 2		1 00
	Tracy, 8 gals gas 1.20; Hotel meals for 2, 4.50		5 70
7	Allens Press Clippings for May	2	3 00
7	Hotel Fresno, Fresno Calif. Room,self & asst	3	5 00
	Car storage 50; change oil 1.75; 5 gals gas.70		2 95
	Meals for two		3 75
8-9	Tule River Indians:Steve Soto, vocabulary work		5 00
9-10	Louisa Francesco & daughter 4.50; old Koyette 1		5 50
	Dick Francesco & another 2; Philip Hunter 3.50;		5 50
	Interpreter Ellison 2 days 7.00; 5 gals gas 70		7 70
	Eckard Motor Co,greasing car & chg oil	4	2 75
11-12	Philip Hunter & son 3.00;old Jose Vera & man 1.75		4 75
12	Hotel Porterville, Room 5 days	5	20 00
	Meals self & asst 5 days @ 3.50 each		17 50
	Merced 7gals gas 1.40; meals self & asst 4.50		5 90
13	Richmond Ferry, Car & two 1.00; 7 gals gas 1.02		2 02
	Alvin Martinelli, services asst & driver 8 days @ 5. 6.		40 00
15	Sausalito Ferry ret 25; storage 35;St cars 30;lunch90		1 80
16	" " " 25; " 35; " 20		80
	Map sheets 45; camera repairs 50; meals 1.65		2 60

Auto Trip to Indians in Nevada, Utah, and Arizona

June 20	San Rafael Ferry,Car, self & asst 1.00; oil 15			1 15
	Bakersfld,Padre Garage,8 gas 1.12;storage 50;oil 18	7		1 80
	" Padre Hotel, Room,self & asst	8		5 00
22	Las Vegas,Nevada, Room, Hotel Apache	9		5 00
	" " " El Rio Garage, storage, gas,chg oil	10		4 29
	Paid Moapa Indians, Moapa, Nevada			3 50
23	Arizona Strip Hotel, Room	11		4 00
	Pd Sivvit Indian, Santa Clara River, Utah			1 00
25	Fredonia Hotel, Ariz. Room & board June 23-25	12		15 13
24-25	Moccasin Spring: Pd Indians Vocab work			10 00
26	Hotel Liberty, ST.George, Room	13		4 00
	Garage:Gas and oil	14		1 34
26-27	Santa Clara River: Pd Sivvits Indians two days			5 00
	10 rolls film			2 50
	Arrowhead Hotel, Room & storage	15		4 50
28	Bryce Canyon Lodge, Room & 3 meals, self & asst	16		15 50
	" " " Repairing tire	17		1 50
29	Cedar City, Utah: Leigh Hotel, Room	18		2 50
	" " " Cedar Motors: storage,gas,greasing	19		3 70
30	Austin, Nevada: gas 1.80; storage 50	20		1 70
	" " Internat, Hotel, Room	21		3 00
	" " Pd. Shoshone Indians			2 50
July 1	Auburn,Calif.Hotel Auburn, Room & phone	22		3 90
	" " Storage, gas, oil	23		1 56
	Richmond Ferry.1.00;Carquinas Bridge 80			1 80
July 2	Marin Co Motors:Adjust bearings, clean car etc	24		11 00
	Alvin Martinelli,Services Asst June 20-July 2 incl	25		65 00
				341 39

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341.39

July 7, 1932

Cashier
Crocker 1st National Bank
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly fill out the values as of July 1, of the Stocks and Bonds listed on enclosed forms, and greatly oblige,

Very truly yours

C. Kelly Harrison

He did & with statement OK

July 15, 1932

Assessor, District of Columbia
Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my Personal Tax return for the current year.

If you send bill during or before September, kindly send to Lagunitas, California, as I do not expect to return to Washington until October.

Very truly yours,

California
Am Automobile Assoc
San Francisco

July 24, 1932

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is check on Crocker Bank in payt for Insurance Policies received ($31.79)for damage to person or car of some other person, caused by my car.

Kindly send me reciepted billfor the amount paid, stating on the reciept that the Insurance is a against damage to person or property injured by insured car(Ford Sedan,1931, 4444046).

The explanation "Z" in your bill herewith enclosed will not be accepted in a Govt account.

C. Hart Merriam

August 3, 1932

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for July, excepting two bills for photo work and materials from Spindler and Sauppe of San Francisco--one for $18.42; the other for $4.63--both of which are paid but the reciepts have not come back;will send them soon.

You no doubt feel that I am spending a good deal on photo work. I am. For years past I have underestimated the importance of this, but now I know tht "its now or never",and at my age it seems worthwhile to secure as quickly as possible the material for illustration of forthcoming publications.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

The enclosed bill is for $174.13

The enclosed bill is for $174.13

August 4,1932: Today I went to SanFrancisco and obtained from Spindler & Sauppe the enclosed duplicates of the bills above mentioned--one of $4.63 paid July 3; the other of $18.42 paid July 19--and have added the amounts to the accompanying voucher making the total $197.18 instead of $174.13

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense account for July 1932

July 1	Eric H. Swenson, Photo developing & printing			5	77
2	Pacif Gas & El:Current May 23-June22 $9.57 1/3		1	3	19
	7 gals gas 1.30; Stampt envelopes & postage 1.			2	30
3	Sanderonimo Water Co: Water to July 1933,$12. 1/3			4	00
5	Schwabacher-Frey Co: Photo work		2	1	44
8	Allen's Press Clippings for June			3	00
11-13	Sausalito & Oaklnd Ferries 67; street cars.75;Car 1.			2	42
	Meals 2 days 5.50; Car shock absorbers filled 1.			6	50
	Edward Denny, Maps		3	2	30
16	San Rafael-San Fran ret.60;Repair Short-circuit 3.			3	60
	San Francisco, meals 1.20; Street cars.20			1	40
5	Schwabacher-Frey Co: Telephoto tripod & case		4	30	27
19	Sausalito Ferry ret.25;car storage 35;lunch 85			1	45
	San Fran. taxi & street cars to Museum & Acad Sci			1	20
22	" " Ferry ret.25; St cars20;car 35; meals 1.25			2	05
	" Exclus. Cutlery Shop: Paper shears			2	50
	H. S. CrockerCo; Stationery		5	2	55
	Book:Ft Hall & Oregon Trail by J.B. Brown		6	2	50
27	Eric H. Swenson, Photo work			40	55
27-28	S.F.Ferry ret 25; car 35; st cars 25;meals 2.25		7	3	10
	Sun-glare shield 2;attaching same.50;stop rattles50			3	00
	Stampt envelopes & postage			1	75
28	Am Auto Assoc: Dues & maps to Sept 1933		8	12	00
	" " " Car. Insurance against injury to others		9	31	79
	Pacific Gas & El: Current June 22-July 23,10.49 1/3			3	50
Omitted:July 3,Spindler & Sauppe,Photo material & work 4.63				174	13
" " 19, " " " " " 18.42					
				$197.18	

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174.13

August 10,1932

Mr Chas P. Thomas
You St Station
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Thomas:

Both Mrs Merriam and I are very sorry to learn that you have been shifted to another delivery district.

We thank you for telling us about your successor (Wm Waters) onthe 1900 block on 16th Street. I hereby autherize you to give him the key to the outside front door of our house, 1919 16th Street, with the request that he dump all non-letter mail in the vestibule basket, and forward letter mail to us at Lagunitas, as you have been doing for many years.

Both Mrs Merriam and I thank you for your trouble in handling our rather bulky mail all these many years. We shall miss you on your daily rounds for we have come to regard you as a friend; and we still hope to see you from time to time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

August 10, 1932

Collector of Taxes
District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

On July 15 I sent the Assessor my Personal Tax return for the current year.

As I am absent on Field work much of the time I shall be obliged if you will send me (addressed to Lagunitas, Calif) the bill for this tax.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 15, 1932

Mr Walter Knickerbocker
F. Nelson & Sons
19th Ave & Sloat Blvd
San Francisco

Dear Mr Knickerbocker

Enclosed is my check for $185.00 on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco in payment of Fire Insurance Policy of the Security Insurance Co of New Haven (Policy No 103041) on my house and outbuilding at Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif., for $9,250, from Oct 5, 1932 to Oct 5, 1935.

Please have Policy properly executed and return with reciepted bill.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

August 18, 1932

Miss Edith Cocke
2615 Grayland Ave.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Miss Cocke:

Glad to hear from you--supposed you had married and "gone West".

I've done a lot of wandering but am now back home at Lagunitas for a week or more. Drove more than two thousand miles in my Ford on one trip--over the Mohave Desert to Arizona and Utah, returning through Nevada: and on another trip went to Death Valley again and had better luck than I did last year.

Yes, I think I can give you a job in the fall. The time (date) of return is still uncertain but is apt to be in late October--possibly a little earlier.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Aug. 18, 1932

The Literary Digest
360 4th Ave New York City

Dear Sirs:

Your letter dated August 9 (signed "M")recd. You admit that I accepted your offer and purchased your New Standard Encyclopedia along with the 3-year extension of my subscription to The Digest.

But in spite of this you say "We have no record of having recd any payment from you (me) for the Digest beyond March 1932."

The only explanation of your statement that I can think of is that you hold that the temporary changing of a subscribers address cancels his subscription--which of course is unthinkable.

Having paid for my subscription to March1935, it seems that you owe me several back numbers and also the continuation of my subscription till March 1935.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Aug. 20,1932

Spindler & Sauppe
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are seven Leica film negatives of which please send me two enlargements eash, postal size.

Very truly yours,

Aug. 20,1932

Mr Eric Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Ave
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are 8 film negatives from which please make four enlargements each, postal size, and send me the prints as usual.

Kindly never send prints and negatives by same mail. I have suffered several very serious losses in this way.

Very truly yours,

Aug. 23, 1932

Mr Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am greatly pleased today by the reciept of the last batch of prints--fine--the best yet.

Am returning herein 19 of the same negatives (registered) and shall be obliged if you will make four (4) more prints of each of them, same size as those recd today, 2 7/8 x 4 7/8.

Very truly yours,

August 24,1932

Edmond Heller,Director
Milwaukee Zoological Garden

Dear Heller:

You were very thoughtful and kind to send me those Bear photos along with a lot of interesting notes , including sexes and ages. But, except in the case of the alleged 'Kodiak Bear', you forgot to say what species you were talking about, or where they came from!

How do you know that the 'Kodiak' boys actually came from Kodiak Island? Even tho' they were born on the Peninsula, or even on the Kenai, they might easily have been shipped from Kadiak.

My reason for doubting their Island origin is their excellent photographs, which you have been kind enough to send me. You say both are males, and that they are <u>seven</u> years old. They therefore should have rather highly domed skulls--instead of the only slightly convex crowns shown.

If they really are unquestionable <u>middendorffi</u>, the species must be much longer than I had supposed in assuming the characteristic dome.

I certainly would like to see your great Zoo, and still more to see you, but its' hard for a busy old man to stop off for a side trip when on thanscontinental

journeys. But "Here's hopes" it may work out sometime.

That Zoo report you sent me just before I left Washington amused several of my family and friends, all of whom agree that your comical streak is worth cultivating --whether in literature or "the movies" was left unsettled!

Since coming out here early in April I've done a lot of field work for an old man (78). The last trip took me over the Mohave Desert and into Arizona and Utah and back across Nevada--more than two thousand miles in my active and reliable Ford.

Good luck to you and appreciative thanks for the photos.

Glad you knew Harvey Hall so long and so well. Pity there are not more like him. And the saddest thing is that his death seems to have been unnecessary.

Yours as ever,

Aug. 27, 1932

Mr Eric H. Swenson
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing check of $4.80 in payment of accompanying mem bill. This is a personal account for photos of my daughter and family. The others will be paid in my official account at the end of the month.

Very truly yours

[redacted]

August 31, 1932

Spindler & Saupne
86 Third Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with your suggestion I am sending you herewith by insured mail, my Leica camera.

Mr. Spindler will remember that the trouble is that parts of two successive prints occur on a number of the negatives.

Trusting that you may make the necessary repairs and return the camera promptly,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MW

August 31, 1932

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
University of California
Dear Dr. Grinnell:

Returning from a field trip some time ago, I found a bunch of important natural history papers from the University awaiting attention. Obviously they came from you.

Your contribution entitled "Type Localities of Birds Described from California" interested me greatly and naturally takes its place among my important reference documents. It resembles most of your writings in thoroughness and evidence of an enormous amount of work. I have read nearly every word of it and have found much of interest and a few surprises.

In your valuable List and Map of Type Localities, I notice that many species are credited to Nicasio--presumably collected by the late C. A. Allen. Possibly you may not know that most of Allen's bird collecting, except in the very early years, was done at San Geronimo or Lagunitas--notwithstanding the fact that his printed labels bore the

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name of his former home, Nicasio. I think Joseph Mailliard once published in the Condor a statement giving the date when Allen moved from Nicasio to Lagunitas; it was many years ago. Allen told me personally that the bulk of his bird collecting was done at Lagunitas, although for many years he lived within a few rods of the railway station San Geronimo.

In view of the fact that Nicasio lies in a valley north of the east-west mountain range known as Nicasio Ridge, while both Lagunitas and San Geronimo are on the south side of this Ridge, it would seem desirable to distinguish the Lagunitas type localities from the Nicasio ones.

This type locality paper, like so many other of your contributions, is the result of such tedious investigation and has involved so much labor that it is hard to understand how you have had time to prepare it.

Among the other papers of interest to me are those of Alden H. Miller. He surely is well on the road and a worthy son of his father.

Just now I am working at Lagunitas, after half a dozen field trips, one of which took me into Arizona, Utah, and Nevada, another to Death Valley, and others to less inaccessible localities.

August 31, 1932

Agent or Teacher
Santa Clara, Utah
My dear Sir:

Will you kindly ask some of the Indians under your care about the name "Dalder"? It was given me as the name of a place said to be northwest of Cedar City. I cannot find it on any map and assume that it is an Indian name. A reply will greatly oblige.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

CHM:MW

Sept. 1, 1932

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
President
Biological Society, Washington

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Please pardon my long delay in acknowledging the receipt of the certificate of Life Membership in the Biological Society of Washington, which membership the Society was so courteous as to award me last spring.

My excuse for the long delay in acknowledgment is that the certificate came in a roll and was stacked away with numerous other articles supposed to be unimportant, and therefore was a very long time in coming to light.

A few days ago I sent the Biological Survey the skull of a woodchuck (Marmota englehardti) which I obtained on the edge of the Mokagunt Plateau in Utah during a remarkably interesting and fruitful auto trip of more than two thousand miles.

In the same region I saw several colonies of Whitetail Prairiedogs.

Best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MW

Sept. 2, 1932

Mr. Eric Swensen
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing nine Leica negatives from which please make two enlargements each of the size next smaller than postal size.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MW

Sept. 2, 1932

Spindler & Sauppe
86 Third Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Your statement of August account, amounting to $4.89 received.

Before sending check I would like to straighten out what appears to be an over-looked back item on a yellow slip which I received from you on July 27 and herewith enclose. Unless these items were included in the July account, which I very much doubt, they have not been paid and therefore should be added to the present account which I will hold until I hear from you.

I am hoping that the trouble with my Leica camera, which I sent you a few days ago, is not serious and that you may be able to remedy it.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 8, 1932

Mr Eric H. Swenson
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check on the Crocker Bank for $4.63 in payment of attached memorandum bills of Sept 2 (for 1.93) and Sept 6 (for 2.70). Please send reciept.

On your bill of $11.40, reciepted Sept 3, you unfortunately wrote a letter. This spoils the bill as a Government voucher and I am obliged to ask you for a duplicate to send to Washington with my account.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 16, 1932

Mr Eric. H. Swenson
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your original bill dated Sept 1 (reciepted Sept 30) for which I asked you for a duplicate on Sept. 8, is enclosed herewith (amounting to $11.49).

As a full week has elapsed since I wrote you for for the duplicate, I infer that you did not have the figures necessary for the duplicate, and therefore am enclosing the original. Please send as soon as possible as my account has already been held up far too long.

Not sent

Bill
rec'd ok
at last

Sept. 17,1932

Mr W.W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the six weeks weeks from the first of August to the middle of Sept.

Pardon me for dividing a month--a thing I never did before. I had no end of trouble in getting reciepts from the two photographic establishments.

This six weeks account amounts to $117.87, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co, Calif.

1932			
August 2	Pacific Gas & El Current June22-July 23, $10.49	1/3a	3 50
5	Allen's Press Clippings for July (Indians)	2	3 00
15-16	SF Ferry ret.25;car storage 50;St cars 30;meals 50		4 50
16	Pickwick Hotel, Room	3	2 50
20	San Rafael: Recharging car battery		1 00
26	SF Ferry ret.25;St cars 35; car storage 50; meals 2.75		3 85
26	H.S.Crocker Co.Blank schedule sheets & clips	4	90
	Copy Outdoor Life 25; Thermometer 75		1 00
29-30	SF Ferry ret 25;St cars 30; car storage 50;meals 3.		4 05
August	Gasoline: 40 gals		7 41
30	Pickwick Hotel Room & phone		2 80
	P.G.& E. Electric current Jult 24-Aug. $15.71	5/32 6	5 23
Sept 3	Mary Woebke, Services Stenographer Aug 30-Sept3incl	7	20 00
6-7	SF Ferry ret 25;St cars 20;car storage 50; meals 2.		2 95
7	Master Auto Tire pump	8	1 85
7	Pickwick Hotel Room	9	2 50
8	Eric H. Swenson:Photo devel, prtg, & enlarging	10	19 27
13	" " Photo enlarging	11	6 45
6	Allen's Press Clippings (Indians) for August	12	3 00
15	Services Alvin Martinelli , asst & driver	13	5 00
	Lunch at Sacramento, Martinelli & self		1 40
12	Spindler & Sauppe, Photo Work as per attached bills	14	11 45
Sept 1-15	Gasoline for car: 23 gals (Aug. 1-15)		4 26
			117 87

One hundred, seventeen -------- eighty seven - - -

117.87

Sept. 18, 1932

Mr A. C. Cooley
423 Clift Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

My dear Sir:

For some years past I have been working with Shoshonian tribes in California, Nevada, and southern ~~Arizona~~ Utah. Just now I am anxious to collect vocabulary material from Ute and Bannok, and also verifications from full-blood Gosiute.

Col O.H.Lipps tells me that you may be able to help. What I particularly want to know is this: If I go to Salt Lake in the very near future, can you put me in touch with members of the Gosiute, Bannock, and Ute tribes?

Very truly yours,

Sept. 17,1932

Mr Joseph Mailliard
1815 Vallejo St
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr Mailliard:

Joseph Grinnell, in his recent paper on the Type Localities of Birds described from California, lists all species collected by C.A.Allen as from Nicasio.

This raises a question as to the date when Allen moved from Nicasio to his later home on your land near San Geronimo station. Do you remember the year?

Allen told me a few years ago that most of his collecting was done at Lagunitas--on land included in the forest from what is now called Forest Knolls on the east, to Lagunitas Creek on the west.

With kind regards to your brother and yourself

Very truly yours,

Sept 30,1932

Mr Albert Huber
Indian Office
Salt Lake, Utah

Dear Mr Huber:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 21st inst. which I find on returning from a field trip in the Trinity mountains. I appreciate your courtesy in passing my request for information to the Superintendents of several Shoshonian Agencies, from each of which I find replies.

I now expect to call at your office in Salt Lake City on Monday October 3 to find out the best way to reach the Fort Hall Agency.

Very truly yours,

C.Hart Merriam

Sept.30,1932

Mr F.A.Gross
Supt.Ft Hall Agency

Dear Mr Gross;

Many thanks for your letter of the22^{d} inst. I plan to reach Salt Lake on Monday October 3, and to go at once to your Agency. Shall inquire at the Salt Lake Agency as to the best way to get there.

It is sixty years since I was there--with the Hayden Government Expedition, of which I was Naturalist. So you may infer that I am no longer a boy!

I appreciate your kind offer to put me in touch with Bannock and Shoshone Indians.

Very truly yours

Lagunitas, Calif.
Sept. 30, 1932

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the latter half of September, amounting to $84.57, which kindly remit as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Have just returned from a most successful trip among the Wintoo Indians--but the mountain roads were about the most appaling I have ever driven over, and this is saying something. We climbed and drove down the lofty crests of twoof the Trinity ranges on one-way roads which for miles and miles almost overhung the precipitous canyons hundreds--in places thousands--of feet below.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Expense Account Sept 16-30,1932

Sept 16-20: 15 gals gas			2 78
20 Marin Motors:Chg oil,grease car,pack hubs &c	1		4 75
21 8 rolls Eastman film	2		2 40
21 Pickwick Hotel,San Francisco, Room	3		2 50
20-22 SanRafael-SanFrancisco ret 60;St cars & Taxi 1.80;			2 40
" " San Francisco: meals			3 75
Trip to Mt Shasta and Trinity Mts for Wintoo Indians			
Sept 24: Gas,Triangle Sta 8 gals 150;Corning 8gals 1.60			3 10
" 24: Lunch & dinner, driver(A.Martinelli) & self			3 40
" 25: Dunsmuir,Travelers Hotel:Room for Martinelli & self	4		3 00
25: " Garage: Car storage	5		50
25:Breakfast & lunch,Self & driver			3.50
25:Ireka,7 gals gas 1.58			1.58
26:Carrville Ranch,Supper, ldg & bkfst self & driver	6		5 50
26:Pd 4 Wintoo Indians			4 50
26: Trinity Center,5 gals gas			1 25
26: Lunch & supper, self & driver			2 75
27: Hotel Redding,Room self & asst	7		4 50
27:Glovers Garage, Redding, Storage, 3 gals gas,oil	8		1 08
27: Vacaville,9 gals gas 1.70; Carkinas Bridge toll 80			2 50
27: Richmond Ferry, Car, self & driver			1 00
27: Alvin Martinelli, Asst & driver 4 days @ 5.00	9		20 00
30: P.G.& E. Electric current Aug 22-Sept 22,$12.99½			4 33
27:Meals,self & driver			3 50
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84.57

C. Hart Merriam

Oct.15,1932

Miss Edith Cooke
2615 Grayland Ave
Richmond, Va.

Dear Miss Cooke:

Since writing you last I have been again to Utah and up into Idaho--to Fort Hall, where I was with the Hayden Survey sixty years ago.

Am now going into the Mohave Desert and one or two other places, after which Mrs Merriam and I expect to pack up and set sail for Washington. We expect to arrive about the first of November but you had better not come until you hear from us, as there may be a delay of a few days.

Very truly yours

Oct.16,1932

Dr H. H. T. Jackson
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr Jackson:

By this mail I am sending you the skull of a Sorex which I found dead by the steps of my house a few days ago.

As I am very old and very rusty on Shrews I should appreciate your identification.

Very truly yours,

Oct.16.1932

Mr Prentiss N. Gray
Bronx, New York

Dear Mr Gray:

Thanks for your letter of Sept.27 which awaited my my recent return from Fort Hall, Idaho.

I have had a very active and very fruitful field season, and on return from a forthcoming trip into the Mohave Desert shall pack up and return to Washington.

But I do not think it practicable to send you any more Bear material for the volume you have in hand.

Very truly yours,

Oct.24,1932

Mr M.F.Donohue
Tax Collector
Marin Co.,Calif

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco for $105.42, in payt of Taxes on my property at Lagunitas for 1932-33.

Very truly yours,

Oct.24,1932

Mr W.W.Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Am now packing for Washington and shall be be obliged if you will kindly hold my October salary check until my return.

Am just back from an auto trip of twelve hundred and fifty miles among Indians of the Mohave Desert and south.

Expecting to see you soon,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 24, 1932

Mr Wm Waters, Postman
16th Street & U St.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

On and after this, please hold all mail for Mrs Merriam and myself until our return to Washington, as we are now packing for the return trip.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 29, 1932

Mr Eric H. Swenson
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing eleven negatives for enlargement, two prints each, postal or small postal size.

In the case of one of these (showing a group of Indians) please make separate prints of two of the men, as described on the envelope.

As I am returning to Washington early next week please address them to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C. And register the package.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 29, 1932

Mr Eric Swenson
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are six negatives of my grandson. Please make three prints of each, small postal size. And send me a separate bill for these as they are personal.

Mail to me at 1919 16 Street, Washington, D.C.

C. Hart Merriam

October 29,1932

Mr Thomas Mayo
Santa Clara, Utah

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 25 came this morning.

I am sorry that the photographs of Mrs Mayo and yourself were lost or stolen in the mail. But fortunately I have another set of prints and am sending them to you in this letter.

Very truly yours,

Washington, D.C.
Aug. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Rumsey
Arden, New York

The news of your Mother's death is a severe blow. Her kindly and generous understanding has enabled many, including myself, to carry on the most important work of our lives.

We grieve with you.

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 12, 1932.

Mr. Prentiss N. Gray
183rd. St. and Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York City

Dear Mr. Gray:

Your letter of the 9th instant with proof of my bear article were misdirected to the Smithsonian Institution, a distant point which I usually visit two or three times during the year.

For the past forty-six years my Washington address (as printed at the head of my stationery) has been, and still is. 1919 16th St.

In comparing the proof just read with the text in my copy-book I find that someone has taken an unwarranted liberty with the text--a thing I never stand for. Suggestions are always kindly received but changes without my knowledge are a very different matter. In this particular case the change of a heading and the omission of the few lines necessary to complete the classification of the American Bears makes the statement incomplete. I have restored this matter as in the original manuscript. The proof is returned herewith.

In my letter to you of March 30, 1932 I asked:

"There are two points I would like to ask about:
(1) The matter of author's separates: Can I have as many of these as I wish to pay for?
(2) Is there any danger that the book will be copyrighted so that I might be handicapped in using this material if I live long enough to publish the book on bears that I have been at work on for nearly forty years"?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

H:C

November 14, 1932.

Spindler & Sauppe
86 Third St.
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

On October 30 I sent you my check on the Crocker Bank for $4.19 in payment of your bill. The receipt has not reached me. As this is a Government account I shall be obliged if you kindly send me the receipted bill.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

M:C

Nov. 14, 1932.

Mr. Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattock Ave
Berkley, California

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Returning to Washington I find your letter of November 7 and also the three inclosed slips, but no bill. The amount of these slips, if I figure it correctly, is $26.22, for which I am enclosing check herewith. Please send receipted bill.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

M:C

November 14, 1932.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account with accompanying subvouchers covering the period from October 1 to November 12 and amounting to $409.85, which please pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

Two of the accompanying subvouchers have not yet come to hand:

No. 18 - Spindler & Sauppe, photo work $4.19

No. 20 - Marquis, Who's Who $8.75

I have written for these and will forward when they arrive.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:C

Apart from shorter trips my three principal auto trips were as follow:

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September: Scott Valley and Trinity Mts.	750
October: Mohave Desert and Southern California	1,251
Total	4,127

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Total 4,151

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C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

Expense account Oct. 1-Nov. 12, 1932.

1932			
Oct. 1	Sausalito-SF Ferry (ret) 25; SF-Oakland (ret) 42; Baggage SF 50	1	17
	SF Lunch 85; Street Cars 25; Supper 75	1	85
2	Oakland Airport Bus 1; Baggage 25	1	25
	United Airlines, round trip Oakland-Salt Lake City	74	74
	Salt Lake Airport; Bus to Salt Lake City 1	1	00
	Salt Lake City, Dinner (Hotel Utah)	1	25
2-3	Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Room	3	50
3	Breakfast and Lunch 1.50; Taxi 35; Supper Fort Hall, Idaho 35	2	20
	RR fare (ret) Salt Lake City to Ft. Hall 8.78; Telegram 70	9	48
4-6	Ft. Hall, Idaho: Board (8 meals) Indian School @ 35 per meal	2	80
	Paid 2 Indians 3 days 8.00 each (Shoshone & Bannock)	16	00
	Paid Indian with car for 3 ret. trips per day for three days (1 mile each way)	3	00
6	Pocatillo, Idaho: Supper 1; Telegram 35	1	35
	Pullman seat Pocatillo Idaho to Salt Lake City	1	35
7	Salt Lake City: Hotel Utah 3 meals	3	25
	Paid Ute Indian forenoon	2	00
	Paid Shoshone girl (May Hardy, Vocab. work) PM and Evg. 3.; Taxi to near Ft. Douglas 75	3	75
8	Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Room, 2 days	5	10

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1932			
Oct. 8	Hotel Utah, Breakfast 1.10; Taxi to Airfield 75	1	85
	Oakland, Taxi from Airfield 1; Ferry (ret) 42	1	42
9	Sausalito, Car Storage Oct. 1-9, 3.50; 6 gals gas 1.10	4	60
11	Allen's Press Clippings for Sept.	3	00
	6 rolls Eastman film	1	50
17-23	Auto trip through Mohave Desert and Southern California. Alvin Martinelli Asst. (1st. day drove 319 miles to Bakersfield) All meals and hotel bills are for 2 (Martinelli and self, Oct. 17-23 incl)		
17	Richmond Ferry, car and 2, 1.	1	00
	Meals en route 3; 6 gals gas AM 1; 7 gals gas PM 1.33	5	33
18	Bakersfield, Hotel Padre, Room	4	00
	Padre Garage, 9 gals gas, 5 qts. oil, grease, storage	5	33
	Meals	3	00
	Palmdale, 5 gals gas 93; Paid Indian Woman 75	1	68
19	Victorville, Hotel Stewart, Room	3	00
	Gas and Storage	1	06
	Paid Indians 2.50; Meals 3.50	6	00
20	Hotel La Posada, Redlands, Room	3	50
	Storage 25; 8 gals gas 1.44(AM)	1	69
	4 gals gas 72 (PM) Paid Indians 5.00; Meals 3.75	9	47
21	Bakersfield, Hotel El Tejon, Room	4	00
	Garage, Hotel El Tejon,	1	25
	Meals 3.50; Paid Tahche Indians 3.50	7	00

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1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

1932			
Oct. 22	Fresno, Hotel Fresno, Room	6	40
	Gas and Storage	1	61
	Armona, paid Indians 3.50; Indians at Laton 3.00; meals 3.50	10	00
23	Modesto, Hotel Hughson, room and phone	4	65
	Modesto, gas, oil, and storage	1	65
	Meals 3.75; Richmond Ferry, car and 2, $1.00	4	75
24	San Francisco Ferry (ret) 25; car storage 35; street cars 25; dinner 75	1	60
25	Sausalito-SF ferry (ret) 25; lunch 85; streetcars 20;	1	30
30	Spindler & Sauppe photo work	4	19
31	Hauling chest, maps and other expressage 13 miles to San Rafael express office	2	00
31	Okld-SF ferry (ret) 42; lunch 80; streetcars 15	1	37
	Eric Swenson, photo work	3	58
Nov. 1	Okld-SF ferry (ret) 42; streetcars 15; lunch 80	1	37
Return to Washington, D.C. (leaving Calif. evg. Nov. 1)			
1	Pullman drawing room Okld-Washn. Mrs. M & self $111.	55	50
1-4	10 meals (dining car) Okld-Washn.	10	50
4	Washn.D.C. Pullman porter, Okld-D.C. 1.50; Baggage in, 75	2	25
8	N. Marquis Co. Chicago-Who's Who in America 1932-33	8	75
8	Stamps and stamped envelopes	2	35

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1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

1932			
Nov. 9-10	Two taxi return trips to Smithsonian @ 40		80
10	Fidelity Storage Co: insured expressage orig. maps, vocabularies and notes from California		23 17
10	Proc. National Acad. Sciences 1932-3		5 00
11	Streetcar fares 20; Dennison Binding Tape(2 rolls)90		1 10
12	Florence Johnson 4 days cleaning office rooms & file cases$10; Asst. washing office windows & file room skylight 1.80		11 80
Oct. 25.	(Omitted under proper date) Alvin Martinelli, services asst. and driver seven days @ 5.00 per day		35 00
	April 16:Bishop,Calif.Car storage 50;3 gals gas 69		1 19
	April 17:Hawthorn, Nev. 9 gals gas		2 25
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Nov. 14, 1932.

Mr. Floyd Bralliar
Nashville Agricultural Normal Institute
Madison, Tenn

Dear Mr. Bralliar:

Your letter of October 29 reaches me on my return to Washington after nearly seven months field work in California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Idaho.

In reply to your request for literature I mean to send you a few publications in the near future, but would remark that most of my published writings are on technical subjects in Zoology, Botany, and Anthropology, and therefore unlikely to be of much use to your students.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 14, 1932.

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Replying to your kind letter of the 10 instant would say that I should appreciate two season tickets for the lecture course beginning on the evening of November 18, and should be very glad to have the tickets delivered at my house, 1919 16th Street, as in previous years.

During the field season just passed I visited northern Arizona once, crossed Nevada three times, again revisited Death Valley as well as various parts of northern and southern California by auto; and in addition made an airplane trip to Salt Lake, supplemented by rail to Fort Hall, Idaho, where I outfitted with the Hayden Survey sixty years ago.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 14, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Davis
Touring Bureau
Automobile Club of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of October 14 with accompanying maps which you were kind enough to send me and which proved most helpful.

Your letter would have been acknowledged earlier had I not been obliged to return to Washington immediately after covering the trip through the Mohave Desert and various other places in Southern California.

In my letter I forgot to mention that I have been a continuous member of the AAA in both Washington D.C. and California for more than twenty years.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 14, 1932.

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Thanks for your letter of October 25, giving me the identification of the Lagunitas shrew as Sorex trowbridgi montereyensis and the woodchuck as Marmota flaviventris englehardti--the latter I already know.

I have had one of the busiest seasons of my life, visiting Utah twice, Northern Arizona once, and crossing Nevada two or three times in my car and once by airplane; also revisiting Death Valley (for the third or fourth time) and various other parts of California, both north and south.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 16, 1932.

Crocker First National Bank
San Francisco
California

Dear Sirs:

You purchased for me and are holding subject to my call, ten shares of American Tel and Tel.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send the certificate, properly insured, addressed to me in care of the National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D.C. and charge the postage and insurance to my account.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 15, 1932.

Mr. F. S. Hall
Drawer P, University Station
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Hall:

Returning to Washington after my usual season's field work--this year covering nearly seven months in California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona--I have been looking over the two issues of the Murrelet published during my absence. The last one, September, is one of the most important publications from the standpoint of Mammals that I have received in many a day.

Your Historical Resume of Exploration in Washington state is of special interest to me and I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me two additional copies, for which $1.00 is enclosed.

Some years ago, beginning in 1886, I did a good deal of field work in Washington, but the pressure of other matters prevented its publication as originally intended.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Since writing above I received another letter of same date with a copy of your reprint of your Historical Resume &c. for which I am entirely obliged. C.H.M.

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Since writing above I've unfolded another letter & accumulated mail and find a copy of your Historical Resume &c. for which I am greatly obliged. C.H.M.

Retake of Preceding Frame

Nov. 19, 1932.

Mr. Vernon Bailey
Magdalena Sonora
Mexico

Dear Vernon:

Having just learned by phone from Florence that you are likely to reach Mexico considerably earlier than expected, I am writing immediately so you will be reasonably sure of hearing when you arrive.

From your night telegram to Florence it is obvious that you have made better time than expected, which means that you have met with fewer obstacles and have had good success. It indicates also, and this to me seems very important, that you will be able to continue westerly and northwesterly early enough to accomplish the desert work and return to the United States before overtaken by the heat of summer.

It is encouraging also to learn that Winthrop is such a linguist that he is able to understand and talk with your men in their native lingo.

Here, things have progressed about as usual. Elizabeth and I spent the first three days with Florence and Chester--a great comfort and blessing. Both seemed well-and in good spirits.

This enabled Elizabeth to have the worst part of the fall housecleaning done before our return to 1919, so I escaped most of the dust.

Bailey

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I have not yet cleared decks of the accumulated season's literature but hope to start on regular work in a few days.

My season's field work in the west was, from the ethnological standpoint, most successful, as I was able not only to cover more ground and visit more tribes, but having the foundations already laid was able to fill many gaps and secure much needed terminal material, particularly from several Shoshonean tribes not previously worked by me.

Our house had not been entered, thanks to your barricades in the rear end, and everything seems all right except for a leak over the back cellar steps which we hope to have attended to in the very near future.

With best wishes to you and Winthrop and continued health and success in your work.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 19, 1932.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for five hundred dollars ($500) in repayment of advance from the Harriman fund sent me about the end of March last.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 19, 1932.

Prof. T. H. Shaw
Fan Memorial Institute of Biology
Peiping, China

Dear Prof. Shaw:

Returning from seven months field work in western United States, I find your letter of September 19 awaiting attention.

It is interesting to know that you are engaged in studying the distribution of Birds in Hopei Province with respect to the life zones they inhabit.

In compliance with your request I take pleasure in sending you herewith several of my papers on zone distribution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 22, 1932.

Touring Topics
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me two copies of Touring Topics for October 1932 with bill for same. I am much interested in the translation of Chapter VII, 'Nach dem Klamathgebiet' from Carl Meyer's 'Nach dem Sacramento'. Some years ago I filed a translation of parts of it for my personal use.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 22, 1932.

University of Minnesota Press
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith is my check for $6.00 in payment for a copy of The Birds of Minnesota by Dr. Thomas S. Roberts. Kindly forward to my winter address, 1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 22, 1932.

Mr. G. H. T. Tate
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr. Tate:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the five parts of your critical and highly important paper on South American Cricetids and allied groups. I fully realize the vast amount of labor you have put into this piece of work.

Such of your papers as I have received in the past are filed under the genera or larger groups to which they pertain so that I lack an author's file of your most important contributions. I am anxious to supply this need and shall be greatly obliged if you will send me as full a set as you can spare. Kindly send also a memorandum of cost as I wish to pay for them.

Very truly yours,

Edward Preble

Nov. 22, 1932.

Dr. Witner Stone
Academy of Sciences
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Stone::

In running over my accumulated mail since returning from California early in the month I find a copy of the Year-book of your Academy bound in a superb picture of a Great Bear --one of the most fascinating animal pictures I have ever seen. Would it be possible to obtain a duplicate copy of this report or a separate of the cover picture?

I was particularly interested and delighted with your informative article on Bird Migration--congratulations!

For an old man I did a fair job of field work in the west this year, driving about twelve thousand miles by auto in California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona, and making one round trip from San Francisco to Great Salt Lake by airplane. Also visited Death Valley again for the third or fourth time. If I can last a few years longer it looks as if my Indian material will be in pretty fair shape.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Stone and yourself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 23, 1932.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing the two Spindler & Sauppe receipted bills for photo work (381+38 amounting to $4.19) entered in my last account as subvoucher 18 under October 30.

The receipted bill for Who's Who in America has not yet come to hand.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 28, 1932.

Mr. E. W. Gifford
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Returning from my season's field work a few days ago and looking over the accumulated mail, I have just discovered your most admirable work entitled: The Northfork Mono.

Yesterday being Sunday, I spent much of the day and evening in perusing it--my interest in this group being rather acute as I have worked with various members of the tribe at intervals during the past 34 years. I have obtained some material that you did not get and you have obtained much that I did not get.

Are you sure that the water bottle pictured on plate 14 (a) was made by the people in question?

It looks identical with Northern Piute water bottles from Mono and Walker Lakes.

The old woman working on a basket shown on plate 16, given you by T.T. Waterman, does not belong in this series. This old woman is a Too-hook-kwitch (or Tu-huk-kwai) from Trimmer Springs on the north side of Kings River. Her name is Jane Waley (or Whaley). I have taken a number of photographs of her, some standing upright, some pounding acorns,

and so on. She is a very tall woman and speaks little English. Her husband is an old full blood Wo'-pon-nutch, sometimes pronounced Wo'-pung-witch.

As usual in such cases, you interviewed several members of the tribe unknown to me, and I worked with several not mentioned by you.

I am naturally greatly interested in this paper and regard it as one of the most carefully prepared and accurate of the numerous publications thus far issued on California Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 28, 1932.

Outdoor Life
Mount Morris
Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me a copy of Outdoor Life for August 1932. I shall be glad to remit on receipt of bill.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 28, 1932.

Dr. J. C. Merriam, President
Carnegie Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear J.C.:

In the accumulated literature on my desk is a pamphlet from the Carnegie Institution of Washington entitled Investigations in Ecology under the direction of Frederick E. Clements.

In glancing over this publication I find myself staggered by the language. For instance (p. 267):

"With the growing appreciation of the biotic essence of the community, the concept has been shifted to apply to the biome, though with plants still constituting the matrix."

Again (same page):
"Though often less visibly so, the ece is necessarily as dynamic as the resulting specient or community; indeed as the source of the motive energy, it is more dynamic."

And on the following page (268):
"By adaptation or ecogenesis is understood the response of specient and biome to the direct factors of the ece."

What does all this mean?

Very truly yours,

C.H.

Nov. 28, 1932.

Secretary of Commonwealth
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for $1.75 for which kindly send me a copy of the plates accompanying Forbush's Birds of Massachussetts.

These are noteworthy illustrations and I hold it fortunate that it is possible to get them apart from the volumes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Nov. 28, 1932.

Insurance Department
California Auto Association
Vanness Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I hold a Property Damage Insurance policy on my Ford Sedan (number 4444046 - 1931) dated July 7, 1932 and covering the year to July 7, 1933.

In purchasing this insurance I told you that I am in California about six months each year, returning to Washington for the winter, and asked to be insured until November.

You told me that it would be better to take the insurance for the whole year, and that on notification you would return part for the period of my absence from California. Therefore, I hereby notify you that I left California for Washington November 1, storing my car October 31, in a garage in Berkeley where many Government men store theirs.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send me, addressed to 1919 16th st., Washington, D.C., the rebate due from this insurance.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 28, 1932.

Mr. Warren F. Eaton
63 Normel Avenue
Upper Montclair, N.J.

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Having noticed in the current ornithological journals that a chart showing hawks and owls in flight may be had on application, I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a copy. Any charges connected therewith I shall be glad to remit.

Very truly yours,

Nov. 29, 1932.

Mr. Frederick W. DeWitt
Oakland, California

Dear Mr. DeWitt:

I shall be obliged if you will send me a copy of Isaac L. Mylar's Early Days at the Mission, for which $3.50 is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 29, 1932.

The University of California Press
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me a copy of Aztatlan by Sauer and Brand, for which $2.00 is herewith inclosed.

When the volume by Ralph L. Beals entitled, The Comparative Ethnography of Northern Mexico Before 1750, is on sale, please send me a copy.

Very truly yours,

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Nov. 30, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Woodward
Los Angeles Museum
Exposition Park
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

A recent issue of the Anaheim bulletin states that in a talk on the Indians of California you said that in early years "Different tribes of the Costal Plain were active in trading with other tribes and those of Arizona and New Mexico."

For many years I have been interested in the matter of inter-tribal trading and should be thankful if you will kindly put me on the track of definite information giving the localities and tribes concerned.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 1, 1932.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account from November 15 to 30, 1932 amounting to $67.94; also voucher for Miss Edith Cocks for the month of November, $100. which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman fund as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

1932

Nov. 15	Allen's Press Clippings for October (Indians)			5 25
18	Eric H. Swenson, Berkeley, Calif., photo work			26 00
23	Booneville Herald (Adirondacks, 1932)			2 00
23	Field & Stream (July No.) duplicate			25
7	Shell Oil for Furnace 170 gals 11.48	1/3		3 83
23	Shell Oil for Furnace 180 gals 12.15	1/3		4 05
30	Potomac Electric Co (Electric current) 5.69	1/3		1 90
30	Washington Gas Light Co 4.74	1/3		1 58
30	Byron S. Adams, 1000 letterheads, 1000 follow sheets			15 50
30	Postage and stamped envelopes			98
30	Streetcars and taxis			2 60
30	Edith Strothers, cleaning office rooms			4 00
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C. Hart Merriam

December 2, 1932.

Miss Laura Berge,
Circulation Department,
SCIENCE SERVICE,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Berge:

Thank you for your letter of the 1st instant informing me that I have paid for two subscriptions to SCIENCE NEWS LETTER. You say that I am "receiving duplicate copies." This is an error, as I have never received but one copy. This, during the summer, came to my California address, Lagunitas, California, and since my return has been coming to my winter home, 1919 - 16th Street, as requested.

Inasmuch as I have paid for two copies, I shall be glad if you will continue sending one to me at my present address, the other to my daughter, Mrs. Zenaida Talbot, 2672 Hilgard Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Date ?

Mr. Frances B. Yeager
Estes Park, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check of $.50, for which please send me a copy of Dorr G. Yeager's recent publication, The Animals of Rocky Mountain National Park. Please address me at 1919 16th Street, Washington.

C. Hart Merriam

Date ?

American Forestry Association
Washington, D. C.

Enclosed is my check for $3.50, for which please send a copy of Chalfant's Death Valley to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington.

C. Hart Merriam

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National Museum
Ottawa, Canada

Enclosed is my check of $2.50, for which please send me a copy of Diamond Jenness' recent publication on Eskimo and Indian tribes of Canada. Please address me at 1919 16th Street, Washington.

C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 7, 1932.

Dr. R. M. Anderson
National Museum
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Your letter of November 26 arrived duly, but I have not yet had time to run down the matter of the "Okanagan Life Zone". I have only recently returned from California and am naturally overwhelmed with accumulated mail and other matters.

My early Zone Maps showed a tongue of the area in question, but unless I am greatly mistaken it was not named by me. Probably Metcalf named it. When in the Okanagan Country several years ago I traversed it on horseback.

By same mail I am sending you copies of my Zone Maps of 1893 and 1897.

You surprise me saying that you have 11,500 mammals in your collection. Surely these will afford plenty of good working material for years to come, and doubtless the collection, like the small boy, will continue to grow.

You surely did a fine thing when you got "three good bears from Mackenzie". Are any of them fully adult?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 7, 1932.

Mr. W.P. Baxter
Taft, British Columbia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 12, addressed to the Biological Survey, reached me on my recent return to Washington.

In regard to grizzly skulls: I am no longer purchasing skulls of immature grizzlies, by which I mean those under five or six years of age, but I sometimes buy fully adult skulls when accompanied by reliable information as to the locality where the bears were killed.

The price for good old skulls reliably labeled varies of course with their condition and the locality where they were killed. If you have any skulls with authentic data you had better pack them carefully (so they will not be injured in transit) and ship to U.S. Biological Survey, Washington, D.C. After seeing them I will write you what I will pay.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 7, 1932.

Mr. Phil Townsend Hanna
Touring Topics
2601 So. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hanna:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me additional copies of Touring Topics containing translation of Meyer's Nach dem Sacramento--a valuable piece of work.

For sometime I have been carrying in my pocket-book a memorandum about your re-publication of Boscana's Chinig chinich, but have looked in vain for the price. If you will kindly have a copy sent me with bill for same, I shall be greatly obliged.

I have a copy of Chinig chinich as originally published by Alfred Robinson (New York, 1846)

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 7, 1932.

Prof. Floyd Bralliar
Nashville Agricultural Normal Institute
Madison, Tennessee

Dear Prof. Bralliar:

Replying to your letter of the 17 instant requesting copies of my scientific publications, would say that I have just been overhauling my separates in your behalf and am sending you herewith such as still remain for distribution. The supply of many of them was exhausted some time ago, and I have no extra copies of my bound volumes on either birds, mammals, or Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 12, 1932.

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Stone:

Your letter of the 7 instant was a real joy, and I appreciate your courtesy in sending me a print of the big bear referred to in my recent letter. It is a wonderful picture of a wonderful animal. [illegible]

I thank you also for the accompanying literature, including the announcement and picture of a group of Kodiak Bears as mounted in your Museum.

The big bear on the righthand side, if really killed on the Island, must be a female or else a young male, for it appears to have a flat head. Skulls of adult male Kodiak Bears are highly arched--this and their great breadth and short base being the most conspicuous characters distinguishing them from Ursus gyas of Alaska Peninsula.

If I ever catch up with my work here I shall be more than happy to accept your kind invitation to look over your collections and spend the night. But my season's catch of new material in California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, and Idaho is so large that I can hardly put it in shape before it will be time to return to our Lagunitas base.

Stone

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Your physical limitations appear to be a little more severe than my own. Still, I cannot walk far or do any climbing. But nevertheless, like yourself, I can drive a car and do desk work without much fatigue.

It is quite interesting to know that during your recent trip to the A.O.U. meeting at Quebec you saw something of Lake Champlain and Ausable Chasm. I never see the latter name without having a creeping feeling up and down my spine. For many years ago, I was fool enough to shoot the rapids of this chasm at extreme high water. When the rushing torrent shot me through at a terrific rate, every second I thought the canoe would be dashed to pieces against the walls of the gorge.

It is good to learn of the activity of some of your younger men in the mammal line. Morris Green has always done good work and is keen in his determination of characters and differences.

Glad to know you are planning to visit the National Museum in January. Let me know when you are coming.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Merriam and myself to Mrs. Stone and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 12, 1932.

Superintendent, Kaibab Indian
Reservation, Kanab, Utah

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly find out from some of the old Indians how far north the Ki-bab-bits (or Ki-vav-vits) claimed as their territory? Did they reach Panguitch? If not, where was the northern boundary?

On the northeast, did they extend to Escalante River (or at all beyond Bryce Pinnacles)? Farther south, was the east boundary Houserock Valley, or the Colorado Canyon itself?

On the north and west did they claim the Markagunt Plateau? And where was the boundary between the Kai-bab-bits and the Nahn-kwint of the desert country near Cedar City?

Do the Ki-vav-vits know the name of the tribe or tribes claiming the country either south or north of Escalante River?

Do you know the location of the tribe or band known as Hav-vin-pah? I was told that they lived somewhere northwest of Cedar--rather a vague description.

Very truly yours,

(original)
Where was the home of the Pi-eds?

Dec. 12, 1932.

Superintendent, Shivvet Reservation
Santa Clara, Utah

My dear Sir:

I should appreciate the favor if you will kindly find out from the old Indians how far north and west the tribe originally extended. Was Virgin River their western boundary, or did they go still farther west; or was the Beaverdam Range the boundary?

On the north, in the old days, did they reach Santa Clara River? Or did their territory extend even farther north?

Their eastern boundary as I understand it was a north-south line passing over Mt. Trumbull, but I am ignorant as to the north end.

When working with some of these Indians during a very hasty visit, their tribal name as I heard it was Siv-vits, but I am well aware that it is usually written Shivvets. Do they generally pronounce the 'h'?

Do you know where the tribe or band known as Hav-vin-pah lived? I was told that their country was somewhere northwest of Cedar--a rather vague description.

Trusting you will find time to secure this information,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Where was the original home of the Pi-eds?

Dec. 12, 1932.

Mr. Weld Arnold, Librarian
Harvard Travelers Club
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Weld:

Replying to your letter of November 18 asking for contributions to your Library, I would like to make sure just what you want. I assume that you wish bound books only. I have published hundreds of pamphlets, but very few 'books'; and of these books have still fewer copies on hand. If I find a duplicate of any of them will be glad to send it on.

During the twenty years of my service as Chief of the U.S. Biological Survey I published a number of issues of a series entitled North American Fauna. Some of these deal with Regions (from the standpoint of geographic distribution); others with groups of American Mammals. Copies of these, so far as they still remain on hand, may be had by addressing the Chief, U.S. Biological Survey, Washington, D.C. In the case of such numbers as are exhausted I may be able to supply most of them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Dec. 12, 1932.

Dr. Robert T. Morris
Merribrooke Farm
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Dr. Morris:

Returning from my summer field work in California, Nevada, and Utah, your letter dated September 16 was found awaiting attention.

The fact that one of your red squirrels was observed carrying away its dead mate is most interesting, but your question "Where did the squirrel go with its mate?" could only be answered by Mrs. Morris or yourself.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 12, 1932.

Mr. Warren P. Eaton
63 Normal Avenue
Upper Montclair, N.J.

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Thanks for your letter of November 28 and for your trouble in sending me the chart and other material on hawks and owls. I have always been particularly interested in hawks and owls and shall never forget the thrill and excitement attending the killing of my first redtail.

As a boy I was somewhat noted as a rifle shot and regret to admit that I slew a painfully large number of hawks with a heavy small caliber muzzle loading rifle.

But you may be sure that later, when I undertook the examination of stomach contents of birds of prey in the early days of the Biological Survey, I was quite overwhelmed by the unmistakable evidence of the part these birds play in keeping down noxious rodents.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 12, 1932.

Mr. Prentiss N. Gray
183rd Street and Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York City

Dear Mr. Gray:

I am glad to know that it is possible for authors to obtain separates of their articles which you are publishing in Records of North American Big Game, and shall be obliged if you will kindly have a hundred copies of my article struck off and sent me, with bill for same.

And inasmuch as the book is to be copyrighted, I shall be further obliged if you will send me a waiver of right of reproduction so that ~~it~~ the matter may be incorporated in my Boar book in case I live long enough to complete it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 12, 1932.

Mr. Hugh B. Logan
Inverness, Calif.

Your letter of November 9 reached me soon after my return from the season's field work in California.

It is interesting to know that part of a walrus tusk has been found in an Indian Mound in Drakes Estero. If you or its owner are in doubt as to the identification I shall be glad to examine and return the specimen if sent me for that purpose.

I quite agree with you as to the importance of critical systematic examination of the Indian Mounds on Pt. Reyes Peninsula by competent ethnologists or archeologists. Much of value remains to be learned.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 12, 1932.

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

My memory is so poor nowadays that I fail to recall whether or not I wrote you about a grizzly skull in our collection (No. 206135)

James L. Clark of New York wrote me sometime ago asking that the name of the donor be corrected from Charles King to John B. Thees, adding that the skull was a gift to the museum from Mr. Thees, not from Mr. King (his companion on the hunt).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 12, 1932.

Mr. M. B. Snyder, Insurance
American Automobile Association
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Snyder :

Replying to your request of the 6 instant I am enclosing herewith the insurance policies on my Ford car (Nos. R-729978 and A-5115117) expiring July 7, 1933, and shall be glad to receive your check for the unexpired part of the year.

Very truly yours,

[signature]

Dec. 20, 1932.

Mr. Prentiss N. Gray
183rd Street and Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York City

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thanks for your letter of the 16 instant stating $28.00 as price for 100 separates of my Bear article with illustrations. Enclosed is my check for this amount.

I am obliged for your waiver of the right of reproduction of my Bear article.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 20, 1932.

Commissioner, Land Office
Interior Department Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me (addressed to 1919 16th St. this city) copies of your most recent land office maps of California, Nevada, and Utah, with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

Dec. 20, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Woodward
Los Angeles Museum, Calif.

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th instant in regard to trade between the costal Indians and those of the interior.

I have long been aware of the exchange of commodities between the Mohave Indians of Colorado River and those of the Tejon in California, but had not collected data concerning similar barterings for the coast region of Southern California.

Your evidence of the occurrence of "red-on-buff" pottery near Wilmington is new to me and of much interest.

Just what do you mean by the term "Mono" ware? Few terms in anthropology are more abused than the word "Mono."

It is good to know that you have taken up this line of investigation. I hope you will continue it and push it as far as possible. It would be interesting to know how far back in time this trade existed.

Did you not make a slip in including "deer skins" in the material "traded to the coast"? I should put it the other way around.

Speaking of beads: You doubtless know that the old cylindrical beads traded by the Hudson's Bay Company are plentiful on some of the cremation grounds of the Middle Sierra foothill tribes.

Thanking you for your trouble in writing so fully, and with best wishes, Very truly yours,

Dec. 22, 1932.

Mr. Phil Townsend Hanna
Editor, Touring Topics
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hanna:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 12th instant in regard to Chinigchinich. From allusions in the press I had supposed the book already out. Kindly place my order for a copy when issued.

I am delighted to know that John P. Harrington has been and is working on the accompanying explanations and notes. He is an indefatigable and scholarly man but has a very bad habit of recording his results in too technical language--and sometimes invents symbols not in our alphabet.

In this connection you and Harrington may be interested to know that Mrs. Mabel L. Chilberg of Azusa has obtained from a local Indian a rather remarkable, and in my opinion highly important, story (in 22 chapters) which it might be well to consider--particularly since Harrington from his study of this historico-religious myth is probably the only anthropologist qualified to make good use of it.

If you ever come to Washington in winter, or Lagunitas in summer, I shall be delighted to see you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 22, 1932.

Dr. W. B. Bell
Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Bell:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th instant addressed to me at the Smithsonian Institution--an interesting place which I usually visit two or three times each year. It has been forwarded to me however and I am obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in the matter of John K. Howard's bear skull from somewhere in Alaska. Just now I am under such pressure of accumulated work that it will not be practicable to visit the Museum for a few days. Soon after Christmas however I expect to go there and will phone you in advance so that the skull may be made readily accessible.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 22, 1932

Superintendent Documents
Govt. Printing Office
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for two dollars, for which please send me two copies each of the latest Land Office maps of California, Nevada, and Utah.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Adm
1919-10 Ft. Maps

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Dec. 30, 1932.

Civil Service Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

This morning's mail brings from your office an application blank for position of Statistician (Medical Social Service) from Miss Stella Randolph, but no information as to when she worked for me. I have an indistinct recollection of the name but cannot place her without additional information, and therefore I am returning your blanks herewith.

Since I came to Washington forty-six years ago I have employed more than a hundred stenographers, and I am now confused as to the various individuals. Were I to see her, or were I furnished with information as to the date when Miss Randolph worked for me and what she did, I probably would be able to furnish the desired information.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Fenwick

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Mrs. Abby P. Allen
San Geronimo, Calif.

Dec. 30, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Allen:

Your Christmas card arrived this morning, and Mrs. Merriam and myself were pleased to hear from you.

We regretted that we were not able to see you last summer. I was away on field work most of the season traveling some 12,000 miles in my car in California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona. During my absences Mrs. Merriam stayed with my daughter Zenaida (now Mrs. N. W. Talbot) in Berkeley.

Our elder daughter Dorothy (Mrs. Henry Abbot) is now with us with her two children for the holidays.

Two or three weeks ago we had nearly two feet of snow, but now it has melted or been cleaned away.

I wonder if you remember the year when you moved from Nicasio to San Geronimo? I am asking this with reference to the localities where certain birds were killed, as Mr. Allen used Nicasio labelings for all, even after coming to San Geronimo.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in best wishes to yourself and daughter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 4, 1933.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of December amounting to $141.09 which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund. Also salary vouchers for Miss Edith Cocke for services as stenographer-assistant $100.00, and Mrs. H. B. Barto stenographer-assistant $100.00.

I am enclosing also an endorsed check from the California State Automobile Association for $16.58 to be credited to the Harriman Fund, the same being rebate on insurance on our field Ford car in California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

(Dec. 1932 a/c)

1932				
Dec. 2	Chalfant, Death Valley			3 50
2	Jenness, Eskimo and Indians of Canada			2 50
2	Bird Lore for 1933			1 50
4	Yeager, Animals Rocky Mountains (2 copies)			1 00
9	Canadian Field Naturalist for 1933			2 00
9	Stanford Univ. Press: Tresidder & Hoss, Trees of Yosemite			1 63
9	Russell, 100 Years in Yosemite			2 87
12	A.Eberly's Sons:Repairing and weather proofing leaks over and between file rooms and connecting toilet 81.00	1/3		27 00
13	Allen's Press Clippings for Nov. and Dec.			6 00
14	Records North American Big Game (Boone & Crocket Club)			10 00
20	Prentiss N. Gray,separates,C.Hart Merriam's article Bears of America with illustrations			28 00
26	Chesapeake & Pot. Tel.Co.,service,Dec.26-Jan.26,5.75	1/3	5	1 92
29	Expressage on books .69; Dec. postage 3.37			4 06
31	Washington Gas Light Co.Nov.21-Dec.21,5.13	1/3	(c)	1 71
31	Potomac Elec. PowerCo.Nov.15-Dec.15, 6.00	1/3	(h)	2 00
31	Shell Furnace Oil, Dec. 10-29,585 gals 38.82	1/3		12 94
31	Edith Strothers, cleaning office & file rooms month December			4 00
31	Florence Johnson, cleaning after repair work			1 25

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Dec.31	Proc. Washington Acad. Sci.			5 00
31	Univ. Calif. Press: Sauer & Brand, Aztatlan			2 00
31	Ralph L. Beals, Ethnography Northern Mexico			1 35
31	Fuertes & Brooks, Portraits of New England Birds			1 75
31	F.W.DeWitt,Early Days at the Mission by Isaac L.Mylar			5 00
31	U.S.Land Office, maps of Calif.,Nev.,& Utah			2 50
31	Rod & Gun in Canada for 1933			2 00
31	Streetcars & taxis			2 20
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Nov.26	Telephone: Connecting charge 1.50; Service Nov. 5-26, 4.03;Advance rate 1st month from date of bill, 5.75; Telegram .50; $11.78: Less personal telegram .50, $11.28	1/3	(g)	3 76
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January 5, 1933

Mr. Vernon Bailey
8931½ San Antonio Street
Southgate
Los Angeles, California

Dear V. B.:

Florence has just phoned me your address, stating that it will be only for a short time, so I am dropping you a hasty line.

Bell says you are to go on with the deer work. This, to me, is most important, for the lack of definite information as to the distribution of California deer, after the many years of field work by various members of the Survey, is a public disgrace.

One of the outstanding holes in our information is just where the Santa Barbara region deer changes to the deer of Monterey; and just what the Monterey deer is. You may remember that some years ago somebody published a stupendous error in regard to what these deer are.

It is of high importance also to determine the limits of range of scaphiotus. I described it originally from the Gabilan Range, San Benito County, but had no information as to its range. Grinnell, as you know, has given it a very considerable range to the northward.

Mr. Vernon Bailey--------2

Several serious questions relate to deer territory in the Sierra: What is the southern limit of columbianus on the west slope of the Sierra, and the northward limit of the small form of the Mule Deer? This involves at least two questions: 1. Do both the coast deer and a form of the Mule Deer occur in Yosemite--and if so, at what seasons? 2. Does the big Mule Deer of the east slope and adjacent desert intergrade with the small Mule Deer of the west slope? And does the latter pass into californicus of the Santa Barbara - San Luis Obispo country? These points seem to me fundamental.

In haste,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 5, 1933.

National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

In accordance with your statement and request dated December 30, 1932 in regard to outstanding notes of J. W. and B. S. Barnes on Conduit Road property, I have copied and herewith inclose the statement you sent concerning renewals of the notes under name of Beall R. Holstein.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 31, 1932

National Metropolitan Bank,
Washington, D.C.

You are hereby authorized and directed to deliver to Mr. George W. White, real estate notes in the amount of $937.36 made by J. W. and B. S. Barnes dated December 24, 1928, and due December 24, 1931, secured on Lot 817, Square 1371, now known as Lot 839, Square 1371. Said notes were foreclosed at public auction, July 20, 1932.

You are to receive in lieu of the above notes entering same for collection for my account new notes dated December 29, 1932 made by Beall R. Holstein, in the amount of $937.36 due three years after date with interest at 6 per cent payable semi-annually, secured on Lot 839, Square 1371, known as Premises 4719 Conduit Road, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Ursus mirabilis

January 5, 1933

Mr. John K. Howard
Shawmut Bank Building
c/o Gaston, Snow & Co.
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Howard:

Yesterday I had the pleasure of examining your fine grizzly skull from Admiralty Island. It is a most interesting specimen and, so far as my memory goes, is the second full grown male I have seen. It agrees with the type specimen in practically all respects except that the arch of the skull is less elevated and not so broad, but these differences may be attributed to the difference in age, as your skull is that of a young-adult while the type is that of an old male. The teeth are remarkably alike in the two specimens.

Owing to the high scientific value of this skull, I trust you will not think of burrying it in the skin. It is not only bad practice to mount bear skulls in skins, but it is undesirable from the standpoint of permanence, since the original teeth commonly go to pieces in a few years, while the composition teeth, such as those made under the direction of James L. Clark of the American Museum in New York, are permanent and beautiful.

Thanking you for the privilege of examining this most interesting specimen,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 5, 1933

Dr. H. B. Bell
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bell:

Since acknowledging your letter on the Howard bear skull on December 23, I have been too overwhelmed with other matters to examine the skull. But yesterday, chancing to be in the Museum, I dropped in to the Survey Mammal Range and found not only the Howard skull but also type skulls of several species of Admiralty Island bears.

In the case of the Howard specimen, identification proved easy as the skull agrees surprisingly well with the type specimen of Ursus mirabilis. Both are full grown males, but the Howard specimen is the younger.

Mr. Howard's skull is of great scientific value, for which reason it would be a real calamity to have it mutilated and burried in the mounted skin. In fact, such a procedure is contrary to modern practice, since in the case of bears it is usual for taxidermists to replace the original skull with a dummy, or to replace the teeth with the wonderfully perfect sets of teeth made under the direction of James L. Clark of the American Museum.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 5, 1933

Mr. G. H. H. Tate
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr. Tate:

Nothing but unremitting pressure has delayed me in replying to your letter of November 23, and in acknowledging the splendid lot of mammal papers which you were generous enough to send me. They certainly are a monumental contribution to the subject of South American mammals.

You mention that you would be glad to receive some of my papers. I still have many separates on hand, and shall be only too glad to send you such as you may desire. Most of them relate to mammals, birds, or Indians, but there are others in other branches of Natural History. Would you care for everything of which I still have separates, or are your interests centered in mammals?

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 5, 1933.

Mr. J. S. Wade
Bureau of Entomology
Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wade:

Referring to the announcement card of the meeting of the Biological Society for January 7th, I notice at the bottom of the card the interesting fact that the Biological Society offers for sale copies of my paper on the Geographic Distribution of Life in North America, 1892, with the Colored Life-Zone Map. I shall be greatly obliged if you can send me five copies of this paper with bill for same. I shall be glad to remit.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 6, 1933.

Byron S. Adams
512 11th Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your quotation of $7.25 for cover, titlepage, and binding 100 separates of article on Bears is accepted.

Please observe the following points in binding:

Cover, brown paper like your sample. Title and reference identical with that of titlepage.

Reference to source of publication to be in very small type and printed at upper left hand corner of titlepage and cover (proof to be submitted).

Pages and plates to be properly arranged as in sample. (Charge for which to be added to above $7.25)

Edges to be trimmed 3/8 inch all round (top, bottom, and sides).

The page bearing the attached printing (list of Bears) to be deposited in waste basket.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 7, 1933.

U.S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

On December 30th last I received from you a request for information in regard to Miss Stella Randolph who worked for me some years ago. Having only an indistinct recollection of Miss Randolph I wrote you asking for the date of Miss Randolph's service and "what she did" so that I might be able to furnish the desired information. In reply you wrote on the bottom of my letter "Miss Randolph states that she was employed by you as a secretary from Oct. 1926 to July 1927." This gives me no information whatever as to what she did, without which information I have no means of recalling her. If, as I suspect, she was the one who compiled from my vocabularies a dictionary of certain Indian languages she was a competent and industrious person, but I am not sure that she was the person in question.

C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 7, 1933.

Shell Petroleum Products Co
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sirs:

Your bill for oil for the month of December has not yet been received. But as I am anxious to get the matter out of the way I am enclosing herewith my check for $38.82 which appears to be the amount on the tabs received from the delivery man. Kindly send receipt.

C. Hart Thurman

Jan. 10, 1933.

Mr. J. S. Wade
Bureau of Entomology
Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wade:

Thanks for your promptness in sending the five copies asked for of my Geographic Distribution of Life in North America published in 1892. I am exceedingly glad to have these, since for some years past I have been unable to supply requested copies. Enclosed is my check for $3.75 in payment for same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Jan. 11, 1933.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Your statement of receipts and disbursements under the Harriman Fund during the calendar year ended December 31, 1932 has just arrived, and I am very much obliged for your promptness in the matter.

With best wishes for the new year,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 13, 1933

Dr. Frederick V. Coville
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Coville:

More than forty years ago, when you and I were young and enthusiastic, we were much impressed by the strange aspects of the great Mohave Desert. The barren abruptly upstanding Desert Ranges, the vast stretches of sand, the alkali flats and sinks, the multitude of unfamiliar types of desert brush, and most of all the weird forms of the Tree Yuccas appealed strongly to our imaginations--and from my sensations during recent trips over the same desert I find that I have not outlived the original response.

Believing that you still hold the same regard for this marvelous region, I am sending you herewith a batch of photographs, mainly of Tree Yuccas, taken by me during the past season.

With best regards

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

January 14, 1933

Mr. P. Martinelli
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Glad to hear from you and to know that you have burned the brush and tops on my place. Enclosed is check on the Crocker Bank for $10 in payment.

About a month ago Mrs. Merriam fell and hurt her right shoulder and arm, since which she has suffered a good deal and has difficulty in dressing. She joins me in kind regards and best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Martinelli and all the good boys and girls of your family.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

January 16, 1933

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Very many thanks for the trouble you took in sending us such a beautiful box of Redwood branches. The top bunch made a fine miniature Christmas tree. It was far better than a wreath.

Dr. Everman's death is a great loss. His foresight and ability in building up the collections and erecting the new building were quite remarkable; and the Academy is most fortunate in securing the able services of Dr. Grunsky to fill so important a post.

Our daughter Dorothy with her husband and both children--Merriam 10; Beth 15--were with us for the holidays.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Merriam had another accident. She fell and broke her right arm, near the top of the humerus. Otherwise she is doing well and joins in kindest regards.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 16, 1933

Mr. John K. Howard
Shawmut Bank Building
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Howard:

It is shocking to learn that I failed to give you the name of your Admiralty Island Grizzly. It is a fine specimen of Ursus mirabilis.

I am glad to know that the skull will be permanently preserved in the Museum of Comparative Zoology--which is next best to our National Museum, where most of the types of American bears are safely housed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 16, 1933

Mr. Arch Gilbert
Bolinas, California

Dear Arch:

Thanks for your Christmas reminder of the glorious Redwoods. This photograph is one of the few I have seen showing the exquisite carpet of Oxalis. We have some of it on our little Redwoods circle in front of the house but the deer don't give it a chance to make a continuous carpet.

Your before-Christmas snow storm must have been a great surprise to the residents of Marin. It is eminently proper that the children out there should be permitted to learn what snow looks like.

Dorothy and Henry and the children spent Christmas holidays with us, driving on from Cambridge. Their children are maturing fast--Merriam ten, Beth fifteen.

Last season I traveled about 12,000 miles by auto, and to Salt Lake and back by plane, gathering a goodly quantity of new material.

With best to you both, in which Elizabeth joins

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 16, 1933

Mr. G. H. H. Tate
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr. Tate:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant:

I am glad to know what subjects you are particularly interested in and will send you a batch of my papers as soon as I can pick them out.

A few weeks ago I could not have complied with your request for my essay on The Geographic Distribution of Life in North America (1892), as I had not a single copy. But since then I have had the luck to purchase a few and shall send you one with the others.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 16, 1933

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Thanks for your recent letter. We are glad to know that you are well and that you are back in the Bay region.

We had a long season in California last year--April into November. I made numerous field trips covering in all more than 12,000 miles. During my absences, Mrs. Merriam had a happy time with our daughter, Zenaida Talbot, in Berkeley. Zenaida's baby is a fine boy, now more than two and a half years old, and full of energy and inquisitiveness.

Your Clear Lake visit with your brother must have been a great joy, if not made during the excessive heat of summer on that shore of the Lake. Zenaida and I have been there many times, but during July and August have suffered much from the high temperatures--which even after midnight registered above 100°.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest greetings.

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Jessie Taylor
1116 Mandana Blvd.
Oakland, California

January 16, 1933

Mr. William Henry Burt
Pasadena, California

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In the near future I shall return your courtesy by sending you a number of my publications.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

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Congratulations on your good fortune in getting hold of and describing a new species of rodent from the Gulf of California. Lucky dog. For years one of my hot dreams was to visit those islands and now there you've been and it was only a dream!

Cheers

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Retake of Preceding Frame

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Jan. 18, 1932.

Mr. George W. White, President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

In preparing my Income Tax Statement for 1932 I find only one entry (that of July 6) for interest paid by the Johnsons on their note of February 1932, which was renewed to February 1935. My passbook was posted on January 11 instant without mention of any payment of Johnson interest later than July 6, 1932.

Very truly yours,

January 18, 1933

Dear Mrs. Abbott:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th instant. Elizabeth's shoulder and arm are firmly bound to her side awaiting the healing of an oblique fracture of the upper third of the humerus. It's hard luck.

Henry and family reached Cambridge without serious inconvenience from the weather and are again reestablished in their winter routine, as you doubtless know. We are hoping the children suffered no setback on account of the lateness of their return to school.

With kindest regards to yourself and daughters from Elizabeth and the old man,

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C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. F. V. Abbott
Summerville, S. C.

January 18, 1933

Assessor
District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

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Respectfully,

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A year later J. A. Allen, under the title, 'Rediscovery of Neotoma in New York', mentioned the capture by his son, Cleveland Allen, on October 30, 1894, of a Wood Rat on Storm King Mountain, Orange County, New York. In this paper Allen remarks:

> "Dr. Merriam has recently written to me in referring to the capture of Neotoma on Storm King (of which I had previously informed him) as follows: 'Some time ago I examined the original Bell specimen from Rockland County and found it to be N. pennsylvanica, as I had supposed--thus removing the theoretical objection which argued against N. floridana from so far North.'"--Bull.Am.Mus.Nat.Hist.N.Y., Vol.6, p.363, 1894.

This would seem to cover the matter except for the LeConte reference--which I don't seem to find.

Your mention of John G. Bell calls up other memories. In our younger days he was not only 'The Great Taxidermist', but also a naturalist of some repute; and because of his association with Audubon on the Upper Missouri expedition, was looked upon as a man of distinction. Therefore, in 1870 or 1871 (probably the latter), I got my father to go with me to see him in the hope of getting him to give me lessons in taxidermy. But when he told us that his charge for revealing the secrets of bird skinning was $100 we departed and went to see John Wallace on William Street. Wallace charged only $25, which my father paid, and I spent Saturdays in his shop during the winter, skinning and mounting birds.

It seems almost incredible that in a city the size of Miami you should find a wildcat and marsh rabbits, but the occurrence of the interesting birds you mention is less strange. Wish I could winter in such a favorable situation, though I fear the outside attractions would interfere sadly with the task of writing up one's material.

You ask about Mrs. Merriam. She fell a short time ago and broke her right humerus near the top, fortunately not injuring the joint itself. She is now enduring the misery of a tightly bandaged shoulder and arm. We both join in kindest regards to Mrs. Chapman and yourself.

It may interest you to know that last summer, old as I am, I drove my car with a boy helper for afternoons, about 12,000 miles, crossing Nevada four times, re-visiting Death Valley, working in various parts of California and making a flying-machine trip (first in my life) to Salt Lake City whence I went north to see some Indians at Old Fort Hall, Idaho, where I outfitted with the Hayden Survey in the spring of 1872.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1933

Collector of Taxes
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me whether or not I am in arrears in payment of any taxes in the District of Columbia, or if any taxes will be due in the near future.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

See P. 203

January 20, 1933

Director
Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly send me two copies of the latest edition of the Survey's Index Map showing the areas now covered by topographic maps of California and Nevada.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1933

Mr. George W. White, President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday explaining the matter of the payments on the Johnson note.

I had not observed that the last payment in 1931 was advance not due until February 18 of 1932.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 21, 1933.

Assessor
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your tax bill for my Washington real estate for the year ending June 30, 1933 amounting to $183.36 received this morning along with a penalty of $7.33 for delay in payment.

In September last I wired you from California asking if any taxes were due. In reply on September 14 I received the following telegram:

"C. Hart Merriam, Lagunitas, California. Your personal tax paid in full September 7. Signed, Charles A. Russell, Deputy Assessor."

Since the date mentioned I have not until today received any tax bill from your office. In view of this fact is it fair that I should pay a penalty?

Incidentally: For the past forty-five or forty-six years I have been engaged in field work in the far west for about half of each year so there have been some delays in receipt of the bill. But each year on receipt of bill I have paid immediately.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam.

Jan. 23, 1933.

Editor
Rod & Gun in Canada
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir:

In the January number of your interesting Journal I am saddened at seeing a picture of a Buck Western Mule Deer labeled, "The graceful Virginia Deer."

Why should such blemishes occur in a publication that one hopes to find authentic?

Very truly yours,

T. Hun. Morrison

January 25, 1933.

Mr. John Collier
219 First St., N.E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collier :

The draft of a letter you sent me addressed to President-Elect Roosevelt while unnecessarily long seems to cover the case and I am willing to sign it, although if I were to write it I would cut it down considerably. Such busy men as Roosevelt have little time to read long letters.

But I strongly disapprove your intention to send a copy to the press.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 26, 1933.

Mr. Harry S. Swarth
Academy Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Swarth:

Although under enormous pressure of work in trying to catch up, I could not resist reading your review in the January Condor of papers attempting to establish as recognizable forms, microscopic differences in the plummages of birds from more or less adjacent localities.

I agree heartily with everything you say and congratulate you on your success in stating the case so clearly.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
Miami, Florida

January 26, 1933.

Dear Chapman:

Your letter without date received. Surely one of us is off in the matter of memory. I have no recollection whatever of visiting Bell at his place on the Hudson. Didn't some other man go with you?

My memory, I regret to admit, is not what it used to be. Nevertheless it would seem that a visit of this kind to John G. Bell would have been too firmly impressed on my memory to be forgotten. If the date could be more closely fixed I might look it up in my Journal.

If we can rely on Baird's record, the original specimen of the beast now known as Haetoma pennsylvanica was not destroyed but is in the National Museum. This specimen, from Rockland County, New York, is or was a mounted exhibit in the National Museum, where it was examined by me some years ago. It is of course the one mentioned by me in my last letter. This explains why "Bell had no specimen" at the time of your visit.

You ask how the marsh rabbit escapes the wildcat: If water is close by and the rabbit suspects nearbyness of his mortal enemy he plunges into the water and remains so nearly submerged that only his nose and ears are visible. This I have myself seen several times in the swamps of the coast region of South Carolina.

With best wishes to Mrs. Chapman and yourself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Isabel T. Kelly
Moapa Indian Reservation
Moapa, Nevada.

January 26, 1933.

Dear Miss Kelly:

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of the 10th instant. It would have been answered before but for a slight illness.

I am particularly glad of your information, especially since a good deal of it agrees with what I got from the Shiv-vits, Ki-vav-vits, and Moapa Indians. The western limit you give of the Ki-vav-vits agrees with mine except at the south end. They told me that continuing southward from the western part of what is now Zion Park the line between themselves and the Shiv-vits passes in Arizona through the mountain mass the principal elevations of which are known as Mt. Trumbull, Mt. Logan, and Mt. Emma, and continues southward to the Colorado Canyon. They did not give it to me as swinging southeast to Antelope Valley.

Like yourself, I was told that Horserock Valley was one of their most populated areas.

For the Cedar band north of Colob Peak I got the name Wahn-kwint.

I envy your ability to stay long enough in a place to do a real job of work. I am so old and my time is so limited that I have to cut short all of my visits with Indians. I usually get good lists of animal names and more or less adequate tribal names and boundaries, and also a fair bit of vocabulary material, but there

is always so much to learn that I am sorely troubled to feel obliged to cut my visits so short.

After a brief visit to the Utah-Arizona boundary region I did some work in Nevada, and made an interesting trip into Idaho. I also re-visited Death Valley for the fourth or fifth time.

During my painfully brief stop at Moapa I made no attempt to secure the names and home localities of the several bands on that reservation--this I hope you will do. I shall be obliged also if you will give my kind regards to Superintendent J. Harvey Pocock and his wife.

Among the publications found on my desk on returning from California is one by no less a personage than Miss Isabel T. Kelly, entitled 'Ethnography of the Surprise Valley Paiute'. This interests me much as I have done some work with these Indians though decidedly less than with the Achomawe of the west side of the mountains. While I have not yet had time to read your contribution I have looked into it far enough to see that it contains a large amount of important material.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 27, 1933.

Editor
Science News Letter
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Science News Letter for January 28, under the foolish title "Never ask for the Job", states that the groundhog "is strictly an American animal", and a few lines later says "The hedgehog is as strictly of the old world as the groundhog is of the new."

So far as the groundhog is concerned this statement is absolutely untrue, for, as well known to naturalists and thousands of others, the groundhogs or marmots (genus Marmota, formerly called Arctomys) are of wide distribution in both North America and Eurasia; and furthermore, many more species are known from Europe and Asia than in America.

Surely you don't need to be told that untrue statements like this are not very helpful to the reputation of Science News.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

January 28, 1933.

Dear Mabel:

Glad you are alive and in sufficiently good health to tell me something about your meetings and to ask a question. I am glad you are training in such good company.

Replying to your inquiry about Sequoia, would say that you will find a full account of him in most encyclopedias. Briefly: He was a Cherokee remarkable for his genius in inventing a written alphabet. He was born in Taskigi, Tennessee, in or about the year 1760. In 1821 his system was approved by the Cherokees and it is said that in a few months thousands were able to read and write their language. He died in 1843.

The Sequoia League and also the genus containing the big tree or Giant Sequoia were named in his honor.

With best wishes to your mother and husband,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. George Spalderholz
1808 Alameda Ave.
Alameda, Calif.

January 28, 1933.

Mr. Arthur Woodward
Los Angeles Museum
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Pardon my delay in replying to yours of December 27. I have been and still am sick.

From several of your quotations or references it is obvious that you and I hold quite different points of view as to what constitutes trade between coast Indians and those of the interior. Under this head you appear to group trade with tribes no farther apart than Tulare County and the coast, while I have not thought of anything nearer than the Mohave Desert and the Colorado River country.

The panoche mentioned by numerous early and some recent writers, is well known, and still used by many tribes. I have Hugo Reid--both the early and the late printings.

Thanks for your trouble in copying the panoche article from Shuck. Oscar T. Shuck's California Scrapbook is a rare book of which I was fortunate enough to secure a copy many years ago.

I am glad to know that your use of the term Mono Indians refers to bands living in Owens Valley [not Owen's Valley].

You speak of the complication of tribes in the Tejon region. When I first visited the Tejon nearly thirty years ago I found there remnants of about a dozen tribes--from most of whom I obtained vocabularies. Omitting reference to those that came from a distance, it is important to bear in mind that the Tejon was the actual meeting-

Woodward

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ground of tribes of Chumash, Yokut, Southern Piute, and the Mohave Desert tribes commonly called 'Serrano'--but I don't use Spanish names for Indian tribes.

On my visit to the Tejon a few months ago I found remnants of only two tribes.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1933.

Mr. John J. Madigan, Chief Clerk
Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Madigan:

Many thanks for sending me the maps asked for of Roberts Mountain, Nevada, and two copies of the index to topographic mapping in California and Nevada, one of which is corrected to date. These will be most helpful to me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me for official use two copies each of the new sheets you are good enough to indicate on the index to topographic maps sent me. One of these sets is for my office here in Washington, the other for my field office at Lagunitas, California, which is my field headquarters for six months each year.

If you can have these two sets sent to me at 1919 16th St., Washington, D.C., I shall appreciate the favor.

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...ington, D.C.

New Map Sheets of which two copies are desired by
C. Hart Merriam, 1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

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Arroyo Sequit
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Button-willow
Deepwell Ranch
Delta Farms
Dume Point
East Elk Hills
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Fairfax School
Goose Lake
Gosford
Humphreys
Lang
Las Flores
Mouth of Cantura Creek
Mouth of Kern
Russell Valley
Rio Bravo
Seminole
Solstice Canyon
Stevens
Towne Oil Station
Wheatville
West of Lethent
West Elk Hills

January 30,1933.

Dr. Frederick V. Coville
Department Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Coville:

Thanks for your letter of January 27 in regard to the photographs of Tree Yuccas of the Mohave Desert which I sent you sometime ago.

While as you say some of them are beautiful examples, nevertheless none of them exceed in symmetry, beauty, and background the one with your horse standing under it, which beautifies your celebrated work on the Botany of the Death Valley Expedition published forty years ago.

Unfortunately I have no means of determining the height of the one shown in the photograph you mention.

I am very glad to know that you found this tree growing in the upper part of Grapevine Canyon, and that you found Yucca mohavensis in the upper part of Cave Springs Wash, so that both of these splendid examples of desert vegetation are to be included in your Death Valley Flora.

As ever yours,

January 30, 1933.

Shell Oil Co.
1~~0~~Court Square Bldg.
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $22.28 in payment for furnace oil received during the current month (150 gals. Jan. 11, $10.13, 180 gals Jan. 21, $12.15).

If this is correct kindly send receipted bill, as I am anxious to close my official accounts as near the end of the month as possible.

C. Hart Merriam

February 1, 1933.

Mr. M. W. Stirling
Chief, Bureau Ethnology
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Stirling:

Will you kindly send me a copy of the Smithsonian alphabet used by the anthropologists of the Bureau?

I am continually distressed by alphabetic signs and symbols which in my ignorance I am unable to interpret--not that I have the slightest intention of employing these, but I'd like to know what the various authors intended to say.

I have written vocabularies averaging probably more than a thousand words each, of upwards of 160 tribes and bands of California, Nevada, and Utah Indians, and in only a single instance have I found our alphabet insufficient--and that I attribute largely to the inability of the victim to speak clearly.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Washington, D.C.

February 1, 1933.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for month of January, amounting to $92.23, and also salary vouchers for Mrs. H. B. Barto, stenographer-assistant $100.00, and Miss Edith Cocke, stenographer-assistant $100.00, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Enclosed also are three belated receipted bills which should have accompanied the December account but did not come in time. Some of these end-month receipts are always too late to send with the account--a great annoyance.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense account for January 1933

1933				
Jan. 6	Anthropological Soc. Washn., An Anthropologist 1933			6 00
10	Biol. Soc. Washn., Separates of Proceedings			3 75
10	Save Redwoods League--literature			2 00
14	Eastman Kodak Stores (13 photo enlargements)		✓	5 20
14	Chas G. Stott & Co, office supplies		✓	1 65
20	Chas. G. Stott & Co, 10 album binders for photos		✓	4 20
21	Foreign money order Anthropos, Austria, bal. on Carrier Language		✓	1 20
21	Canadian Forest & Outdoors for 1933			2 00
21	R.E. Hume, Treasure House Living Religions		✓	3 00
24	Tamalpais Magazine for 1933			1 00
25	Orientalia Encyclopedia Religions by Canney			3 50
26	Sapir, Southern Piute Language, Vol 65, Proc. Am. Acad. Arts & Sci.		✓	7 50
28	Hanna & Harrington, Chinigchinich			5 00
30	Shell Oil Co for Jan. 330 gals 22.28	1/3		7 43
30	Allen's Press Clippings for Jan.			3 00
Feb. 1	Byron S. Adams, 100 cover-title & binding Bear artic.		✓	8 25
1	Underwood Elliott Fisher Co, repairing typewriter		✓	8 50
1	Pot. Elec. Co, service Dec.15-Jan.14, 6.81	1/3	✓	2 27
1	Washn. Gas Light Co, gas Dec.21-Jan.19, 7.70	1/3	✓	2 57
1	Ches. Pot. Tel. Co, service Jan.26-Feb.26, 5.75	1/3	✓	1 91
1	Car, bus, & taxi fares			3 40
1	Stamped envelopes, postage & registrations			4 90
1	Edith Strothers, cleaning office rooms month of Jan.			4 00
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C. Hart Merriam

February 4, 1933.

Mr. G. H. H. Tate
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr. Tate:

Replying to your letter of January 6 in regard to subjects in which you are interested: I have selected a bunch of my papers on the subjects outlined by you and am shipping them to you by express prepaid. I trust you may find in them something of interest.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 4, 1933.

Mr. Weld Arnold, Librarian
Harvard Travelers Club
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Arnold:

After some delay I have been able to select a bunch of my publications for your library, and am shipping the same by express today prepaid.

I fear that you will find most of these unsuitable for the needs of your library, and if so kindly place them at the disposal of the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 4, 1933.

Mr. William Henry Burt
Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Burt:

Today I am sending you a bunch of my mammal papers in which I trust you may find something of interest.

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C. Hart Merriam

February 4, 1933

Mr. Lyman Merriam
Ossining, New York

Dear Lyman:

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You astonish me by saying there is no snow in Lewis County. I remember bare ground up there about the first of the year but we always had plenty of snow before the end of winter.

Your question as to when we expect to go to California is easier to ask than answer. I ought to be in Southern California the first of April, but when it will be practicable to get there is another matter.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

(8 Beacon St)

Mr. Maurice S. Sullivan
Redlands, California

February 7, 1933

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Your letter of the 1st instant interests me. You are undoubtedly right in referring Makalumbry to Mokelumne, but your Peticutry is a sticker. The only word I think of in connection with it is Pitcache, a Yokut tribe in the foothills above Pollasky (now called Friant), about a mile and a half above the site of old Millerton. This however is so far away that its application is exceedingly doubtful.

There would seem to be no question as to the Apelamenes--tho the name is spelt in a variety of ways. The evidence is overwhelming that it was an Indian rancheria near the junction of the Merced with the San Joaquin. Viader in 1910 located it on the East side of San Joaquin River about 7½ miles northwest of the junction of Merced River with the San Joaquin.

But there appears to have been another rancheria of approximately the same name but belonging to a widely different tribe, for Amador in 1777 mentioned the rancheria Apalames as located in the Canada del Hambre south of Martinez. And Chamisso, in Kotzebue's Entdeckungs-Reise gives Apalamn as a Sacramento River tribe--Kotzebue's original German Ed. Vol. I, p. 23, 1821 [= Apalamn in Lloyd's English translation of Kotzebue, London, Vol. 3, p. 51, 1821.]

There are other spellings.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 7,1933

Cashier
Hanover National Bank
New York City

Dear Sir:

Has the City of Buffalo gone bankrupt on its Water Bonds?

The February interest on one of these which I have held for some years and which has always been paid by your bank promptly on or about February 1, has not been received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

February 8, 1933

Mr. Weld Arnold
2 Divinity Avenue
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

The enclosed postal from the Railway Express Agency in Boston states, as you will see, that they can not deliver the package I sent you a few days ago because they can not find you. Trusting the postal will enable you to secure the package,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Retake of Preceding Frame

February 10, 1933

Mr. Ray Wade
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wade:

You may remember a tall sloping tree on the ground below my road ~~where~~ which you cleared and burned last Spring. The tree in question slopes toward the spring. I can't remember whether or not I asked you to cut it but in any case I wish you would cut it and burn up the trash. If the wood is of any use to you, by all means take it.

With best wishes to you and your wife and little girl, in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

February 10, 1933

Mr. C. P. Clow
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Mr. Clow:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a tracing of the outlines of my place at Lagunitas, and also for the information that the railroad spring surrounded by my land is about to be abandoned and may be open to purchase. I don't suppose you have any information as to what the price is likely to be. It would be of no value to me so far as the water is concerned but might be of some value because of the possibility of defacement by some building or tank.

The map you were good enough to enclose is excellent so far as it goes, but I wish you had indicated on it the location of my house and road.

My check of $25 in payment of your bill is enclosed herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

February 10, 1933

Mr. G. H. H. Tate
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr. Tate:

Glad to know that the batch of separates reached you promptly and that you found among them several of interest.

If among them you did not find a copy of my address on The Geographic Distribution of Life in North America, published by the Biological Society in April 1892, I can send you a copy as I recently had an opportunity to secure a few separates.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 10, 1933

Mr. W. H. Ludlum
Hanover Bank
New York City

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your courtesy and promptness in replying to my inquiry of the 7th instant in regard to the Water Bond of the City of Buffalo.

I find that you are entirely right in stating that the Spring coupons fall due February 15 instead of February 1. I apologize for my error and am indebted for your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 13, 1933

Mr. Edwin D. McKee
Park Naturalist
Grand Canyon, Arizona

Dear Mr. McKee:

The only reason I have not written you during the past few months is that since my return from California I have been continuously overwhelmed with more work than I could possibly get away with.

I want to congratulate you on the excellent form of your valuable publication, Grand Canyon Nature Notes, a modest serial that puts on permanent record a vast amount of useful knowledge.

The regular publication from the Grand Canyon National Park has always led in the value of its material--and I have been one of the most appreciative of those to whom it has been sent.

The Life Zone Garden described and illustrated in No. 8 of Nature Notes appeals to me strongly. So far as I know it is the first thing of this sort that has ever been done.

The zoological material and the contributions to archeology that have appeared in recent numbers appeal to me strongly, and about equally. Long may they continue.

McKee---2

It is obvious that you are overworking. Take the advice of one who has been similarly oppressed and let up a little, especially evenings. During the greater part of my life, particularly for the last 65 years, I have continuously overworked, starting early every day and working long hours, often until after midnight. If I had not been a country boy with a strong constitution I would have broken long ago.

With appreciative regards to yourself and Mrs. McKee,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 13, 1933

Mr. A Brazier Howell
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Howell:

Thanks for the batch of publications you were kind enough to send me a short time ago.

It is good to see that you are publishing important evidence against the wholesale destruction of hawks. When I was a boy living in the west-Adirondack region of northern New York and knew nothing of the economic value of hawks, I had one of the old-time muzzle-loading small caliber rifles which my father had given me. With it, in addition to having been excluded from turkey shoots, I prided myself on having killed more than 300 hawks, mainly during the Fall migration of these fine birds.

Your paper on the Anatomy of the Muscular System of the Narwhal and your splendid contribution to the Comparative Anatomy of Dipodomys and genetically and functionally related jumpers from other parts of the world have given me great satisfaction. You certainly have succeeded in crowding into these papers a vast amount of informative detail along with a most satisfactory series of graphic illustrations.

Howell---2

For about ten years (1875-1885) I had just one ambition, namely, to obtain a position where I coulc devote my life to studies in comparative anatomy. I had several offers, but the salary was not enough to give a man a decent living.

Pardon me for intruding personal history in a letter of acknowledgment; and with best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Howell,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 13, 1933

Mr. W. C. Mendenhall
Director Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

During the past 35 years I have colored most of the U.S. Geological Survey and War Department map sheets of California to show the areas formerly inhabited by Indian Tribes. In trying to complete this work I still lack a considerable number of sheets, and shall be obliged if you can send me for official use those enumerated in the following list.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Not sent
See p. 295

Map Sheets Desired By C. Hart Merriam
1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

Adelaida
Alturas
Arbuckle
Arroyo Grande
Bakersfield Special
Bridgeport, Calif.-Nev.
Camp Mojave Sheet, Nev.
Carson Sink
Coalinga
Colusa
Cosumnes
Cucamonga
Cuyamca
Deep Creek
Delonga
Downey Sheet
Dunnigan
Ely, Nev.
Escondido
Exeter
Fernando
Galt
Genesee
Granite Range, Nev.
Hesperia
Highland
Holtville
Honcut
Honey Lake Sheet
Indio
Kaweah
Kawich
Kernville
Lake Co. Mining Map
Calif. State Mining Map
Las Bolsas
Long Valley, Nev.
Los Angeles (Pasadena & St. Monica Sheets combi
Markleeville, Calif.-Nev.
Maxwell
McKittrick
Mt. Hamilton
Mt. Shasta
Paradise Sheet, Nev.
Parker, Ariz.-Calif
Pasadena Sheet

Map Sheets (continued)

Piedras Blancas
Pioche, Nev.
Placerville Sheet
Priest Valley
Pyramid Peak Sheet
Reno, Nev.
Riverside
Rock Creek
Roseville
St. Thomas, Nev.
San Antonio
San Fernando
San Juan Bautista
San Luis Rey
San Pedro
Santa Cruz
Santa Paula
Santa Susanna
Silver Peak, Nev.
Sonora Sheet
Southern California
  Sheet 1
  Sheet 2
  Sheet 3
Southern Calif. & Nev.
  (Early Explorations)
Tejon
Tonopah, Nev.
Tujunga
Vacaville
Visalia
Wabuska, Nev.
Wadsworth, Nev.
Wahtoke
Wellington, Calif.-Nev.
Winters
Woodland
Yuma, Calif.-Ariz.

February 16, 1933.

Mr. Thomas E. Williams
926 Hickory Street
Santa Ana, California

My dear Sir:

The elegant copy of Chinigchinich which you sent me sometime ago with its voluminous ultra-technical annotations by John P. Herrington has proved of much interest.

For many years I have had a copy of Chinigchinich as originally published by Alfred Robinson in 1846, and also have myself obtained a distantly related religious myth from the Seche Cahuilla at Palm Springs.

The elegance of your new edition is very impressive, although one cannot help feeling that the artist erred in putting Chinese eyes in his paintings of the ancient Indians.

In my 1846 copy the pictures of Father Geronimo Boscana, and of the Indian dressed in the Tobet are vastly clearer than those reproduced in the new edition.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send a copy of this most notable book to Dr. Stirling Bunnell (for Mrs. Bunnell) Medical Building, Post Street, San Francisco, for which is enclosed my check for $5.00--a surprisingly small sum for so sumptuous a volume.

Very truly yours,

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March 16, 1933

Mr. T. M. B. Dunn
Internal Revenue Service
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant, in which you add $191 to my income tax, would say that I was not previously aware that interest on bonds and mortgages was to be added to the salary.

In accordance with your statement, I am enclosing herewith my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $109.67.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1933

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Again it is my pleasure to thank you for two fine bound volumes of the Geographic Magazine (for 1932) which you have been good enough to send me--most interesting and attractive books.

The summary statement of membership and finances, while disappointing, is what might be expected in view of the present low ebb in the finances of many thousands of our people. That there should have been a surplus of $388,694 in such a year seems astonishing.

I heartily approve the recommendations of the Executive Committee for filling four of the vacancies by the election of Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, Mr. Walter S. Gifford, Admiral William V. Pratt and Dr. Alexander Wetmore.

For the fifth vacancy I would suggest W. C. Mendenhall, Director of the U. S. Geological Survey.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1933.

Shell Oil Co.
Baltimore, Md.

Enclosed is my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $38.48 in payment of fuel oil delivered to me at 1919 16th St., Washington as follows:

Feb. 4, 200 gals. $13.[illegible]
Feb. 15, 220 gals $14.85
Feb. 23, 150 gals $10.13

Kindly send receipt as promptly as practicable. The delay in your receipt puts me to much inconvenience

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1933.

Mr. Sherman Hoslett
Museum of Zoology
University of Michigan

Dear Mr. Hoslett:

In compliance with your request of February 18, I have dug up a batch of my separates on mammals and am sending them to you by express, trusting they may prove of service in your work.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 28,1933

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my account for the month of February amounting to $71.21, together with salary vouchers for Mrs. H.B. Barto, stenographer-assistant $100., and Miss Edith Cocke, stenographer-assistant $100.; also a bill from Edgar Baum Inc., 914 E. Street for three all-steel-letter files $63.00, all of which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

As usual a few belated subvouchers are enclosed.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense account for February 1933

1933				
Feb. 1	Am. Mus. Nat. History, Nat. Hist. Journ. for 1933			3 00
1	Calif. Out of Doors for 1933			1 00
2	Science Press, Science for 1933			6 00
3	Journ. Heredity			3 00
4	Science Press, Sci. Monthly for 1933			5 00
4	Ry. Express: Pkgs. to H.H.Tate,W.H.Burt,W.Arnold		↓	2 74
6	Murrelet for 1933			2 00
7	Yosemite Nature Notes for 1933			2 00
9	S.Kann Sons Co. 2 Metal Closets		↓	9 83
9	Remington Rand Co., 1 typewriter ribbon		↓	75
13	Grand Canyon Nature Notes for 1933			1 50
26	Allen's Press Clippings for month of February			3 00
	Stamps and stamped envelopes			1 08
	Car, bus, and taxi fares			2 45
	Edith Strothers, cleaning office rooms month of Feb.			4 00
	Dennison tape $1.20, 2 pencils .20			1 40
March 1	Shell Oil Co. 770 gals fuel oil $38.48	1/3	↓	12 83
2	Pot. Elec. Co. service Jan.14-Feb.13,$6.75	1/3	↓	2 25
2	Wash. Gas Light Co. gas Jan.19-Feb.18, $7.38	1/3	↓	2 46
2	Chesap.Pot. Tel.Co. service Jan.26-Feb.26 $5.75	1/3	↓	1 92
2	Chas.G.Stott Co., 1 box carbon paper		↓	3 00
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Mr. John J. Cameron, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board
Library of Congress

March 2, 1933.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

In the course of recent field work in California I was told that the name Ahwahnee had been accepted by the Government Geographic Board in place of Wassamma, a stage station and hotel on Fresno Flat, traversed by one of the roads to Yosemite.

This action, if true, is a distinct step backward, not only because it reverses the previous action of the Board, but also because it duplicates the well known and widely published original name (Ahwahnee) of Yosemite Valley, so that the same name becomes applied to two distinct places only twenty-six miles apart--thereby abolishing the proper aboriginal name Wassamma, well known to all of the Indians and early white settlers of the region.

I cannot believe that it is the present policy of the Board to destroy aboriginal names--particularly such distinctive and euphonious ones as Was-sam'-mah.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

By consulting the Mariposa Quadrangle (U.S.G.S) of 1912 (reprinted 1920) you will see that Wassamma is only 26 miles south (slightly east of due south) of Yosemite.

March 3, 1933.

Mr. Harold Shamel
National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Shamel:

Thanks for your letter of the 1st instant.

You are entirely right in assuming that I would like to see the big Sheldon and Borden Bear skull from northern British Columbia, but when you assume that I would like to "identify" it, I am by no means so sure! However in a few days I will drop in and see it.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1933

Prof. E. I. Kotok
University of California

Dear Professor Kotok:

I am overwhelmed with disappointment and chagrin. Ever since we met at the Cosmos so long ago both Mrs Merriam and I have been on the sick list.

Mrs M. has been and still is going to her surgeon every other day for treatments for her broken shoulder and arm, while for three weeks I was laid up with a rather rare disease--chicken cholera, from eating infected chicken. At the same time I was having so much trouble with my back teeth that the dentist chisled out all but one of my remaining molars, as a result of which I'm still in the midst of the slow healing process.

Yesterday I tried to get in touch with you at the Forest Service but was told that you had already gone back to California. I certainly am disappointed.

If you come east again before we go back to California, please let me know.

With regrets and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

March 6, 1933.

Miss Laura Berge
Science Service
Washington, D.C.

Referring to yours marked LR:13079, would say that I am enclosing herewith my check for $7.00 in payment for continued subscriptions for one year from date of expiration (of present subscription) for myself (addressed to 1919 16th St., Washington) and my daughter Mrs. Zenaida Talbot, 2672 Hilgard Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1933.

Cashier
Crocker National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $600., which kindly credit to my account in the Crocker First National Bank.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1933.

Mr. William R. Palmer
Cedar City, Utah

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Kindly pardon my long delay in replying to your letter of February 14, and in thanking you for the three numbers of the Utah Historical Quarterly containing your most important articles on the Indians of Utah, particularly those of the southern half of the State. I am astonished at the enormous amount of valuable material you have put on record. I am glad also of other articles in the Quarterly.

My own work with Indians during the past forty-five years has been mainly in California although I have done a good bit in Nevada and a little in southern Utah and northern Arizona.

From the ethnological point of view the contrast between California on the one hand and Nevada and Utah on the other is simply astounding. While all the Indians of Utah and Nevada, except the Washoe (in a narrow strip on the Carson-Reno-Honey Lake part of the California-Nevada boundary), belong to the single stock--Shoshonean--those of California comprise approximately 200 tribes and bands distributed among at least twenty linguistic stocks.

Most of the California tribes have definite boundaries, but as to those of Utah I am not sure--probably you can tell me. I infer however that most of the Utah tribes, while ranging more

or less extensively according to season, nevertheless claim rather definite territorial boundaries.

Do you know how far south of Sevier Lake the Pahvant extended?

Did Little Salt Lake belong to the Cedar tribe ? And what is the proper name for this tribe? I find them mentioned under Piedis, Wahnkwints, and Kumoits.

Did the Pahguits of Long Valley on the upper Sevier reach easterly to the valley of East Fork Sevier? And on the west was there a definite north-south boundary on the Markagunt Plateau between the Pah-gu-its and the Cedar Tribe on the west?

Did the Sivvits (or Shivvits) reach westerly to Virgin River, and may the Virgin be accepted as their western boundary all the way south? In this case the Bunkerville country was theirs. Do you know what tribe lived on the west side of Virgin River south of Bunkerville, including of course St. Thomas?

The boundary between the Sivvits and Kivavvits was given me as approximately a north-south line passing over Mt. Trumbull. Is this correct?

Did the Kivavvits claim territory as far north as the headwaters of Deep Creek, East Fork Virgin River, and Paria River? And was Paria River their East boundary?

Did the Sivvits territory include the upper Santa Clara River and Pine Valley, and did their western boundary lie in or beyond the Beaverdam Mountains?

In Long Valley was there a definite boundary between

the Pahguits of Panguitch region and the Koosharum band of the Richfield region; and how far north did the Koosharum go in this valley? Did the Koosharum band claim also the valley of Otter Creek?

What tribe claimed the Bryce Pinnacles Country?

Do you know what tribe (or tribes) had Long Valley, Nevada, from Caliente north to Panaca and Pioche?

I am amazed as well as delighted that you have done so much careful work with the Southern Utah Tribes, and that you have already published so much of value.

A day or two ago I sent you a few of my publications on California Indians--a drop in the bucket compared with the unpublished material I have obtained from California Indians during the past forty-five years. I am now seventy-eight but if I have the good luck to continue a few years longer I hope to put in print a good share of this material.

During the coming year I hope to finish field work with the Shoshonean tribes of Southern California with whom I have worked at intervals for many years.

With best wishes,

C.H.

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March 15, 1933.

Editor
Utah State Historical Society
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

Herewith is my check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for $5.00, for which kindly send me the valuable volumes of your publication so far as issued. If the inclosed is not sufficient kindly let me know and I will remit balance.

I am particularly interested in the articles on Indians by William R. Palmer and J. Cecil Alter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

March 15, 1933.

Professor Robert M. Yerkes
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Professor Yerkes:

Many thanks for your interesting paper on Grooming. I have read it with profit.

The practice is so universal in the monkey tribe that while I have never studied it at all I was glad to learn what you have to tell about it.

It is interesting to note how so many apparently insignificant traits are proving worthy of study.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1933.

G. E. Stechert & Co.
151-155 W. 25th St.
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Please send me with bill a copy of the article entitled The creation myth of the Pomo Indians, by Jaime de Angulo and William R. Benson, published in Anthropos 27, heft. 1,2:261-274. St. Gabriel-Mödling nr. Vienna, Jan.-April 1932.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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March 16, 1933.

Mrs. M. Y. LeSieur
Fort Hall, Idaho

Dear Mrs. LeSieur:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of February 9. I have been hoping to find a market for your beautiful woman's buckskin Indian costume, but so far without success. It is hard times here as elsewhere and few people have money enough to buy clothes which they do not really need. However I am hoping for better luck.

We have had a fair winter with only a moderate amount of snow, all of which disappeared some little time ago.

The buds on some of the trees are swelling and Robins have already returned.

With regards to your friend Mrs. Bessie Edmo Judson and best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. John J. Cameron, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1933.

My dear Mr. Cameron:

Your letter of the 10th instant gives me much satisfaction, for when in California I had been told that the Board had reversed its previous action and reinstated the name Ahwahnee to the Fresno Flats locality--which the Indians had always known as Wassamma.

I am glad to see that the Geological Survey still retains Wassamma on the 1928 edition of their Mariposa Quadrangle.

But the Forest Service has never accepted Wassamma, as you will see from the latest edition of their map of the Sierra National Forest--on which they still retain Ahwahnee, the Indian name of Yosemite Valley. It seems too bad that the Forest Service should not accept the rulings of the Geographic Board; and it was one of their men who told me last summer that the Government Geographic Board had abandoned Wassamma in favor of Ahwahnee.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1933.

Prof. H. H. Lane
University
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Prof. Lane:

Please pardon my unpardonable delay in replying to your letter relative to the Bear skull you were kind enough to loan me sometime ago.

During the past year I was engaged in field work in California for about 7 months, as a result of which my mail accumulated to such an extent that I have not yet been able to clear decks.

The Fossil Bear in question, as I wrote you a long time ago, belongs to the genus Euarctos. But in my judgment it differs sufficiently from americanus to merit recognition as a different species. But we have so painfully little fossil material of the early Black Bears that I hesitated to name it.

Please forgive my long delay in replying.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1933.

Dr. R. M. Anderson
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letters of January 3 and 28. I am swamped with work beyond hope of recovery.

You seem to have solved the Osoyoos-Okanagan Zone business--and certainly you know more about it than anyone else.

Your mammal collection must be a wonderful mine for study. You are to be congratulated on having obtained so many Blackfooted Ferrets from Saskatchewan.

I am hurrying to get away for California where much field work still awaits me--and I'm now 78.

With best wishes to you and yours,

Very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1933.

Mr. French Gilman
Banning, California

Dear Mr. Gilman:

Do you happen to know whether or not there are in or near Banning any Indians from the Morongo region or adjacent parts?

Heretofore I have not had very good luck with these Indians. I am particularly anxious to verify the names of the tribes and bands of the San Bernardino Mountain region and adjacent deserts, and am hoping to visit the region again in April. May I call on you for assistance?

As a rule the younger Indians know little of the old boundaries, and on my previous visits the older people with whom I tried to work were so deficient in knowledge of English that I failed to get the needed information.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 21, 1933.

Mr. Dee T. Davis
Napa, California

My dear Sir:

A year or so ago a newspaper clipping was sent me from the Napa Register of September 5, 1931 telling of the excavation of an Indian mound ten miles north of Napa--presumably on the old Bale Ranch.

The article states that the Indians in question were Callajomanas and that three hundred were massacred there by the Spanish settlers in the early days.

Do you happen to know the name of the Rancheria? And can you tell me whether or not this was the place where a large number of Indians were burned to death in their roundhouse years ago?

I am much interested in the early distribution of Indians in the Bay region, as well as in other parts of California, and have spent many years in locating the boundaries of the numerous tribes.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 27, 1933.

Dr. Alexander Wetmore
Assistant Secretary
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Dr. Wetmore:

Replying to your inquiry of the 20th instant in regard to the skeleton of the Guadalupe Caracara, formerly in my collection, would say:

The skeleton was given me many years ago by Walter E. Bryant, an enthusiastic California ornithologist who collected bird skeletons as well as skins, and in Lower California as well as California proper. He was an enthusiastic and capable young man. Had he lived, he would have made many valuable contributions. That he planned a work on California birds appears from the following remark in a letter to me dated October 21,1884: "I hope some day to be able to send you the 'Birds of the Pacific Coast', or 'Birds of California', with Author's compliments."

F. A. Lucas at the time he left the National Museum, was deeply interested in the study of bird skeletons, for which reason I gave him most if not all of the material of this kind in my collection. I then kept a catalogue of bones, labeled as I remember it, Osteological Collection. This catalogue should be in the National Museum, where I think you will find the necessary data.

During the quarter century from 1885 to 1910, my letters from numerous naturalists in America and other parts

of the world, and also the copybooks containing my replies with the results of examinations of many hundreds of specimens, were carefully filed in the Biological Survey. But after my resignation in 1910 they were destroyed by my successors. These copybooks filled and overflowed a high shelf occupying an entire side of the room.

A vast amount of priceless material the value of which would have grown as time goes on was thus lost to the world.

This will explain why I am not able to refer to Bryant's letters giving the exact data for the Caracara skeleton now in your hands.

Very truly yours,

March 29, 1933

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
114 Sansome Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Your new volume of the Sierra Club Bulletin arrived this morning and, as in the case of previous issues, contains very much of interest, both in text and illustrations.

Among your reviews, I notice one on Russell's book on Yosemite, which I am pained to see appears to approve Russell's eulogy of Major Savage, a man who was savage not only in name but in disposition and action. To my mind he was one of the biggest scoundrels who ever carried on a lucrative business with Indians--a contemptible man from almost every point of view. How else can one regard his betrayal of the families of his five Indian wives and his utterly cruel pursuit and capture of poor old Chief Teniah--not to mention the way he obtained great wealth by trading trinkets for gold nuggets? So far as I have been able to learn from existing sources of information his only redeeming features were his physical vigor and masterful determination.

With best wishes to yourself and mother,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 30, 1933.

Prof. E. M. Loeb
University
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Prof. Loeb:

Your paper entitled The Eastern Kuksu Cult arrived this morning. A hasty look through it impels me to express my gratification that you have placed so much additional material on record.

Most of the localities in which you have worked are very familiar to me and it would be interesting to know if we had the same informants.

On page 214 you treat of the "Rumsey Patwin" which you visited in the spring of 1931. I am wondering who your informant may have been inasmuch as the Capay Valley Indians disappeared some years ago. I first worked with them at Rumsey thirty years ago and have been there repeatedly during the last few years without finding a single native, although a number of Indians from other places were working there, particularly at the season of the almond harvest.

Your contributions to the 'Kuksu' or 'Hisi' ceremony, supplementing those of Kroeber, puts on record a most gratifying amount of new material. If I live long enough I may add a few small fragments.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

A. L. Kroeber

March 30, 1933.

Mr. E. W. Gifford
University
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gifford:

This morning's mail brings me a copy of your most important contribution entitled The Cocopa, for which I wish to express my appreciative thanks.

To be able to make such important contributions as you have done in this and other cases is something worth living for, and I congratulate you.

It would be useful if you had added a map, but I realize the difficulties of this.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

March 31, 1933.

Dr. Herbert Putnam
Librarian of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Putnam:

During a long and rather active life I have accumulated a quantity of material likely to prove of value to future students. I have traveled in every state in the Union and have twice visited Alaska. My journals cover a period of more than 60 years. The materials collected are chiefly in the fields of Natural History and Ethnology, on which subjects my published writings number more than 400.

If my journals and other manuscripts hereafter mentioned are deemed worthy of a place in the Library of Congress I shall be glad to so bequeath them.

From boyhood my main interests have been in animals and plants. In March 1872, Prof. Spencer F. Baird, then Secretary of the Smithsonian, secured my appointment as Naturalist of the U.S. Geological Survey of the Territories (Dr.F.V.Hayden in charge), thus enabling me to study and collect birds and mammals in Utah, Idaho, and western Wyoming. I was then a lad of sixteen.

After 3 years in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale I studied medicine, graduating from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1879 and for 8 years practiced medicine and surgery in northern New York. Usually brief collecting

trips were made in summer, and in March 1883 I visited the Arctic Seal Fishery on the ice floes off Labrador as Surgeon on the Steamship Proteus--the same vessel that had taken the Greely Expedition to Lady Franklin Bay and which later, when on way to rescue the Greely party, was sunk in the ice of Smith Sound.

In 1885 I established in the Department of Agriculture an investigation of the economic status of birds and mammals which almost immediately developed into the Biological Survey, of which I remained Chief for 25 years.

During this period I conducted field expeditions in all of the States and Territories west of the Rocky Mountains and also in Alaska and British Columbia, and at the same time became interested in the languages and customs of our western Indians.

In 1901 I was appointed jointly with Professor T. C. Mendenhall, then head of the Coast Survey, as Fur Seal Commissioners and sent to the Pribilof Islands in Bering Sea to join the British Commissioners in a study of the Alaska Fur Seals on their breeding rookeries.

In 1910 I resigned from the Biological Survey to accept a position in the Smithsonian Institution under a special fund provided by the late Mrs. E. H. Harriman to enable me to carry on, unhampered by Government restrictions, investigations in natural history and ethnology--investigations still in progress.

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In recent years my chief field has been California--for the excellent reason that in California there still exist remnants of many times more Indian tribes than in any other State of the Union.

For more than 40 years I have been studying these Indians--their customs, beliefs, and languages--and have written vocabularies, some exceeding two thousand words, of all the existing tribes, nearly 200 in number, together with the names of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, and plants.

During the same period I have mapped in colors the areas belonging to each of the tribes--using for this purpose the quadrangles of the Geological Survey and Engineer Office and the larger maps of the National Forests and National Parks.

Both the vocabularies and the colored maps are in duplicate--one set for the Smithsonian, the other available for the Library of Congress.

In case my journals with one set of Indian vocabularies and maps of Indian tribes are desired by the Library of Congress I would like to stipulate that no part may be taken out of the Library Building, and that the ethnological material (vocabularies and maps) be not available to persons outside of the Smithsonian for a period--say of 5 years--after my death.

If the material above mentioned would be acceptable to the Library I shall so provide in my will.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 31, 1933.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of March amounting to $37.55, with accompanying vouchers for Mrs. H. B. Barto, stenographer-assistant $100., and Miss Edith Cocke, stenographer-assistant $100., which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I am enclosing also a belated subvoucher for February Press Clippings on Indians (paid in Feb. account).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense account for March 1933

1933			
March 3	Ry. Express: Pkg. to S. Hoslett, Ann Arbor, Mich.		67
15	Utah Historical Quarterly, Vol. 1 to date		5 00
	Allen's Press Clippings for March		3 00
31	Shell Oil Co.March,400 gals fuel oil,$27.01	1/3	9 00
31	Pot.Elec.Power Co.service,Feb.13 to Mar.15,$6.39	1/3	2 13
31	Wash.Gas Light Co.gas,Feb.18 to Mar.20,$6.84	1/3	2 28
31	Chesap.Pot.Tel.Co.service,Feb.26 to Mar.26,$5.75	1/3	1 92
31	Eastman Kodak Co.,developing and printing films		1 10
	6 rolls Kodak films $1.80, 3 boxs clips .25		2 05
	Postage and stamped envelopes		3 20
	Edith Strothers, cleaning office rooms month of March		4 00
	Car, bus, and taxi fares		1 40
			37 55

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37.55

C. Hart Merriam

March 31, 1933.

Mr. P. Gehan, Postmaster
Lagunitas, California

Dear Sir:

On and after date of receipt of this letter kindly hold all of the Merriam mail until my arrival at Lagunitas, which I hope will be in the near future.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 3, 1933.

Mr. C. P. Clow, Surveyor
San Rafael, California.

Dear Mr. Clow:

Very many thanks for the additional plat of my land at Lagunitas showing the location of the road and the house.

I am enclosing check for $10.00 herewith for your trouble in the matter.

I expect to reach Lagunitas in the near future.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 3, 1933.

Mr. M. W. Talbot
2672 Hilgard Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Talbot:

A memorandum just received from Zenaida gives the prices of batteries: Ford $6.90; National 7. I want the best, so use your own knowledge of relative merits.

Please have the car thoroughly cleaned, oiled, and polished, changing engine oil and putting in new spark plugs all round--best on the market. Would like to have the car checked and greased all along the line --brakes, springs, windshield wiper--to be sure that everything is in good condition; also please have the tires carefully examined as it would be horrible to be caught on the Mohave Desert with one or two busted tires.

Expect to stop off at Yuma, and possibly also at Indio and Banning, but Ma expects to go straight through--so you will know where I am at.

To be headed again for Lagunitas looks good to me.

As ever,
C. Hart Merriam.

April 4, 1933.

Mr. William R. Palmer
Cedar City, Utah

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Your long, interesting, and informative letter of March 22 contains much information I am glad to have and is greatly appreciated.

Nevertheless there still remain a few matters concerning which I am in doubt, so I am impelled to trouble you for additional information.

Did the original territory of the Shivvits extend as far north as the St. George region, or was the Virgin their northern as well as western boundary?

Did the Pahroosits reach westerly to or beyond St. George? And to the east how far did they push up the Virgin?

Did the Tonokwints of Dixie National Forest reach westerly to or beyond Beaverdam Mountains? And what were their limits on the north, east, and south?

What tribes claimed the great Escalante Desert--say from Modena to Milford? Or did more than one of the bordering tribes claim parts of it?

I crossed this desert on horseback more than 40 years ago but met no Indians.

Did the Pahvant reach south to Minersville, or even to Milford?

Did the Kivavvits claim north to the Pink Cliffs and Altono?

Do you know approximately the boundaries between the Shivvits and Pahrooits, and those between the Pahrooits and Tonokwints?

What band occupied the northeastern corner of Washington County--say from Bellevue and White Butte on the south to New Harmony and North Fork Virgin on the north? Or did the Tonokwints push easterly over this section?

Many years ago I rode a horse from St. George to Pine Valley but did not find any Indians.

In a few days I expect to start for my summer headquarters at Lagunitas, California, stopping to work with two or three tribes on the way. So when you write please address me there.

For a good many years (30 or more) I have been collecting references to the published spellings and usages of the names Pahute, Piute, and Piyuche, but have not yet published--for the reason that the material is still growing and I'm overwhelmed with pressing work.

Long ago it became apparent that the Northern Piute, so called, are a quite different lot of Indians from the southern group. The two groups are nowhere in contact

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being separated by a broad belt of the Shoshone tribe.

So far as names are concerned, the spellings Pah-ute and Pi-ute as you doubtless know have been applied to both. For this and other reasons, I have adopted the early Spanish spelling Pi-yu'-che for the Southern group.

In spite of the fact that the language of the Southern group is very close to that of Ute, it seems to me worth while to keep the two separated. A fairly good reason for this is the number of tribes and bands included in each.

If you have not already looked into this matter you may be interested to note some of the early spellings of Piyuche:

Payuches, Armijo, 1729-30
Coucha Payuches, Armijo, Jan. 7, 1730
Pay-u-chas and Pi-u-chas, Garces, 1775-6
Iutas Payuchis, Escalante, 1775
Payuchis, Dominiquez and Escalante, 1776
Yutas Payuchis, Dominiquez and Escalante, 1776
Payuchas, Font's Map, 1776
Payuches, Cortez, 1799
Piuch, George C. Yount, 1830
Payuches, Muhlenpfordt,1844
Paiuches, Simpson, 1848
Payuches, Bancroft (after Muhlenpfordt) 1886

Piuches, Whipple, Ewbank, and Turner, 1856
Pi-u-ches, Beckwourth, 1856
Payuches, Domenech, 1860

Another troublesome case is that of the PIEDES.

J. H. Simpson in his Report of Wagon Road Routes in Utah Territory in 1858 (p. 53) states:

"The Pieds live adjoining the Pawants, to the south of the Beaver mountains, down to the Santa Clara river and upper branches of the Rio Virgen. Quanarrah is the chief of the upper Pieds, and Tatsigobbets of the lower Pieds. Their language differs from the Ute, though similar in some respects."

Brigham Roberts in his History of the Mormon Church, 1909-1915, writing of an expedition to Little Salt Lake Valley in December 1850 says among other things:

"The settlers were welcomed by chief Peteeneet and his people, a miserable tribe known as the 'Piedes', who expressed themselves as pleased that the brethren were settling in their valley. Peteeneet said his tribes owned the country--a declaration afterwards confirmed by Chief Walker."

Some of the Pied references follow:

Piedes, Brigham Roberts, 1849
Pieds, Roberts, 1849
Piede, Armstrong, 1856
Pi Edes, Ind. Affrs., 1856

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Pied, Armstrong, 1857
Pieds, Ind. Affrs., 1857
Payedes, Payede, Payides, Piede, Piedes, Paide } Carvalho, 1857
Pieds, Bean in Simpson, 1858
Py-eeds, Simpson, 1859
Pie Edes, Ind. Affrs., 1863
Pie-Edes, Irish, 1864 and 1865
Py-edes, Simpson, 1869
Py-edes, Garland Hurt, 1869
Py Edes, Bancroft, 1874
Pi-eeds, Garland Hurt, 1876
Pyedes, Gatschet, 1876
Pyedes, Bancroft, 1886
Piedes, Christensen, 1926
Pieda, Billy Crosby, 1929

The Long Valley, Nevada, to which I referred in my previous letter is called Meadow Valley on some maps. It lies just a little west of the Utah-Nevada line and extends northward from Moapa to Panaca.

The term Long Valley in Utah used by me in my

former letter is the extraordinarily long valley embracing the headwaters of the Virgin and continuing northward over the very low divide to Hatch and on through the Long Valley of the Sevier--one of the longest valleys I remember ever to have ridden through.

A little southwest of the Utah boundary, do you know whether or not the Shevvits occupied or claimed the whole valley on both sides of the Virgin River? Also, whether they followed it south to or below the Bunkerville region--a vast flat of treacherous quicksands in which I nearly lost my horse and self many years ago.

Is Beaver Valley in the southeast part of Pahvant territory, or northern part of the Pahguits territory? Simpson in 1858 located the Pahvant in both "Parran and Beaver Valleys."

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 6, 1933.

Dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Please pardon my long delay in attending to the photostating of Sheldon's letters. They were finished last night and I am sending the photostats to you by express today. In the main they came out very well though in a few places where the ink was pale they are not very clear. But most of them seem to me satisfactory.

You certainly have been suffering much more than your share during the winter. We hope you are now in much better health and that you and the children will have a good summer.

Elizabeth and I have not been in very good shape for the past winter and spring. Her broken shoulder has troubled her a great deal and since the removal of the fixings she has been taking electric and movement treatments and can use her arm pretty well though movement is still painful.

We are trying to get off to California this week, but there is still much to do. I expect to begin work in the hot country of the lower Colorado River near Yuma, for which reason it is highly desirable to be there as early as possible--I should be there now.

Elizabeth will continue on to Berkeley where she will stay with Zenaida and the dear little boy until I join them on the way to Lagunitas.

With apologies for the long delay and with love to you all from Elizabeth and myself.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Charles Sheldon
Milton, Massachusetts

dated to my will

I will and bequeath to the Library of Congress my journals (covering a period of more than 60 years) and also one set of my manuscript Indian Vocabularies, about 200 in number, with accompanying colored manuscript maps showing the distribution of all known Indian Tribes in California and Nevada. [The other set goes to the Smithsonian Institution].

See revision on page 851.

April 8, 1933.

Fidelity Storage Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

My materials for California are packed ready for shipment, addressed to me at San Rafael, California.

The shipment consists of three pieces: A small chest of manuscripts, a package of manuscript maps, and a package of manuscripts and other materials--valuation $4,000. Please call for them at 1919 16th St.

They should be shipped express, charges collect, as usual.

The shipment should be held until you receive a wire from me telling when they should be started.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 8, 1933

Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On and after April 10 please forward to Lagunitas, California, all letter mail addressed to Mrs. C. Hart Merriam or myself at 1919 Sixteenth Street.

All other mail should be turned over to the postman, Mr. William Waters, for attention.

Very truly yours;

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1933.

Water Department
District Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I have turned the water off from my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, to remain off during my absence in California. I do not expect to return until ~~late in~~ October, and the house will remain unoccupied during my absence.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1933.

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today April 10, I am closing my house 1919 Sixteenth Street, bound for California where as usual my address will be Lagunitas, Marin County. I shall be obliged if you will as heretofore have your patrolman for this district keep his eye on my house from time to time as he passes.

In case of trouble please notify Vernon Bailey, 1834 Kalorama Road, or Mrs. Marcus Baker, 1905 Sixteenth Street.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1933.

Washington Gas Light Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the summer, and have turned off the gas where it enters the house in the basement. No gas should be turned on until my return ~~late~~ in October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1933.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house for the summer and do not expect to return until ~~late in~~ October. I shall be obliged therefore if you will disconnect my telephone, North 6767, until further notice.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1933

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith are vouchers from Mrs. Barto and Miss Cocke for the period from April 1 to April 10 inclusive, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund as usual. ($33.33 each)

I am leaving for California today. I had expected to call on the Secretary and yourself before leaving, but am not very well and am greatly pressed for time in order to get off. Will write you later from California.

Please accept my appreciative thanks for your numerous courtesies and promptness.

With best wishes for a pleasant season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 10, 1933.

Potomac Electric Power Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the summer. The electric current is turned off in the basement where it enters the house, and should remain so until my return which will probably be late in October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Edith Cocke

2841 29th St., Washington, D. C.

1933		
April 1-10	Services as stenographer-assistant from April 1-10	33 33
	thirty-three---------- thirty-three-------	
	33.33	

Mrs. Hortense B. Barto

2021 Park Road, N. W.

1933		
April 1-10	Services as Stenographer-assistant April 1-10	33 33
	thirty-three---------- thirty-three--------	
	33.33	

Letter of transmission -- see p. 290

April 10, 1933

Dr. Herbert Putnam
Librarian of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Putnam:

In accordance with your letter dated April 1, I have just executed a codicil to my will complying with the terms of my letter of March 31.

I am writing in haste as I am leaving for California today.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 10, 1933

Mr. W. C. Mendenhall
Director, Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

During the past 35 years I have colored most of the U. S. Geological Survey and War Department map sheets of California to show the areas formerly inhabited by Indian Tribes. In trying to complete this work I still lack a considerable number of sheets, and shall be obliged if you can send me for official use those enumerated in the following list.

Kindly have them sent to Lagunitas, Marin Co., California where I shall be in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 10, 1933

Mr. M. French Gilman
Banning, California

Dear Mr. Gilman:

Many thanks for your letter of March 27.

It is mighty pleasant for me to know that you are acquainted with Indians in the Banning region and will put me in touch with the right ones.

Congratulations on your Vermilion Flycatcher record at Bennett Wells, Death Valley. I never had the luck to see one in that region.

I am starting for California this afternoon, but will stop over at Yuma and possibly at Indio so that I can't yet set a date for Banning, but will let you know when I know.

With many thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 10, 1933

Mr. J. Cecil Alter
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Alter:

Many thanks for your letter of March 29 and for the five volumes of the Utah Historical Quarterly which have now come to hand.

A number of these articles are of interest to me, particularly those by Mr. William R. Palmer and yourself.

I am really amazed that your Quarterly contains so much important matter of anthropological interest.

Thanking you for your attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lafayette, Calif.
April 23,1933

Mr John J. Cameron
Secretary U.S.Geographic Board
Washington, D.C.

Mydear Mr Cameron:

Replying to your letter of the 14th inst: Mohave is the usual ad correct spelling in California except among the Mexican element and a few Spanish fanatics.

Very truly yours,

C.Hart Merriam

Rather old fashioned
6 months time is excellent
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ees

Laguna Beach, Calif.

April 23, 1933

Dear Mr Gilman:

I find I can't get away before May 1 or 2, but will write as soon as I know definitely.

It's great good luck that you will take me.

Regards to Mrs Gilman,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. French Gilman
Berkeley, Calif.

April 27, 1933

A.A.A. San Francisco, Calif.

Herewith is my check on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco for $31.79 in payment of Insurance on my Ford Sedan 4444046 to April 20, 1934.

Kindly send reciept promptly.

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1933

Mr John Collier
219 First St.,NE
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Collier:

Returning to Lagunitas from a trip in the Colorado Desert I learn with great satisfaction that you have been appointed to head the Indian Office.

I have known you for many years, and although I have not always agreed with you I believe you are better fitted for the job than any other man in the country.

You know many Indians of many tribes, and you know the troubles and tribulations of the Indian Office, and also you know what Political Pressure means. And besides all this, I'm sure your heart is in the right place.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1933

Mr Horace M. Albright
Director,National Parks
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Albright:

Recently I have been told that you are to appoint a Naturalist for the new Death Valley National Park. If this is true I would like to recommend M. French Gilman for the job.

Mr Gilman is a wellknown naturalist, particularly an ornithologist and desert botanist. I doubt if any other man knows the desert plants and birds so well. Also, he has been a teacher in Indian schools.

For some years past he has lived at Banning in San Gorgonio Pass where he has a remarkable garden and display of shrubbery.

I have known him on and off for more than twenty years and have the highest confidence for what I believe to be his unapproachable fitness for this position.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

La Quinta, Calif

April 30, 1938

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Enclosed is my account for the month of April, amounting to $459.46, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

On the way out I stopped several days at Yuma, and made a short stop at Banning in San Gorgonio Pass, obtaining supplementary material from Indians. Expect to go back there in a few days. It's cold here!

Very truly yours,

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C Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense Account for April 1933.

1933		
April 10	B&O RR Ret.ticket DC-San Francisco	20283
	Pullman Compt. DC-Yuma 59.25 (½)	2962
	" Porter Chicago	25
	Meals en route:Dinner DC-Yuma;Apr.10-Lunch Apr.13	1225
13	Train Porter Chic.-Yuma	150
	Taxi to Indian Reserv.	75
	" to Kamia Village	200
	Pd. Yuma Indian 4 days @2.00	800
	Pd. Kamia Indian 1 day	200
16	Hotel del Ming,Yuma; Room 4 days @2.50	1000
	Meals, Yuma	850
18	Hotel Banning,Banning, Calif. Room	200
	Meals 3.00 ; Taxi to station .35	335
	Pullman Yuma-Banning	128
	Sleeper Los Angeles-San Francisco	630
	" Porter	25
19	Bkfst & lunch	175
	Taxi SP Station-Ferry	50
	S F -Berkeley ferry return .42; Taxi .35	77
21	Berkeley:James L.Macnair,Winter storage of car, new Spark plugs,greasing,new oil,adjusting breaks, cleaning,new Battery etc	343
	1933 Auto License	35
	Ferry,Richmond-San Rafael Car & self	80

22	G.F.Stechert:Angulo, Pomo Myths	3.55
	N.Y.Acad.Soc.Bull. 1933	1.50
27	Eric Swenson, Photo enlargements	6.29
28	Calif.AAA Insurance on Ford Car 4444046	31.79
22	Trunk in,Lagunitas	75
24	By Express Agy. Expressage& insurance Mss&Maps Wash-San Rafael	1826
	Boonville Herald for 1933	2.00
	Allen's Press Clippings for March	3.00
	Sausalito-SF ret Ferry .25;Saus.Garage.35	.60
	Lunch SF & St. cars	1.20
26	Saus-SF ret Ferry .25;Saus.Garage.35	.60
	Lunch SF &St.cars 1.10; 7 gals gas 1.23	2.33
	25 Stampt envelopes	.80
28	H.P.Wall ,San Rafael: Overhauling typewriter&new ribbon	6.50
Apr. 3	Bus& St car fares.40: Stampt envelopes .99	1.39
5	E.P.Becker 190 Photostat letters	28.50
6	Internat.Journ. Am.Linguistics vol.8	5.00
6	Eastman Co.Devel.&prtg films .45: St car fares.20	.65
27-28	To Zenaida M. Talbot,Asst. 2days @5.00	10.00
30	Ferry,San Rafael-Richmond Car& Self.85; 2 Meals 1.25	2.10
		459.46

-Four hundred and fifty-nine---- --forty-six-------

459.46

May 10, 1933

Mr M. French Gilman
Banning, California

Dear Mr Gilman:

In looking over my material from last trip I am mortified to find that I underpaid the last informant at Banning--the "Serrano" worked the last day and whose name if I remember correctly is Charley Bosley. I paid him $1.50 instead of $2.50.

When you see him next, kindly give him the enclosed dollar. I try to neither overpay or underpay Indians. Sorry to trouble you with this.

Am working on the materials brought back but can't say how long it will take to finish. Will let you know as soon as I know, and shall be mighty glad to have you take me south if you are at liberty.

With kind regards to Mrs Gilman,

Very truly yours,

May 15, 1933

B. Lothrop, Esq
Lang Realty Corp
39 Sutter Street
San Francisco

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant; I shall be glad to have you renew the Compensation Insurance issued by you a year ago for the benefit of any employees I may have during the current season.

Very truly yours,

Gilbert Harriman

May 22, 1933

Doctor Gilbert Grosvenor
President, National Geographic Society

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Returning a few days ago from my second field trip of the season, I was pleased to find the photographs you were thoughtful enough to send me of three of the four surviving Founders of the National Geographic Society.

I have given one to my daughter Zenaida (Mrs Z. M. Talbot of Berkeley, Calif.) and am sending the other to my other daughter, Dorothy(Mrs H. D. Abbot, Cambridge, Mass).

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

June 6, 1933

Manager, Pickwick Hotel
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir.

On leaving your hotel this morning, I made a mistake in the matter of the bill. The first bill I thought was wrong but now I think it probably was correct.

You made out a second bill including my wife, which I am returning herewith. I was in such a hurry to catch the Ferry that I did not examine this bill until reaching home. I am therefore returning it, and shall be obliged if you will send a corrected receipted bill for $2.50 for myself as usual.

Regretting my error

Very truly yours,

June 7, 1933

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Disbursing Officer
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of May (overlapping 3 days into June) amounting to $418.88 which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

The auto trip with French Gilman in his car covering more than 700 miles was a little severe on a man of my age but was most satisfactory and profitable inasmuch as I was able to obtain additional and confirmatory material from a number of tribes of Southern California Indians.

Gilman's charges are rather high, but as Dr. Coville can tell you Gilman is a man of superior knowledge and attainments. He is probably the best informed man in America on desert life in general particularly as to botany, and having spent most of his life in Southern California is familiar with the places where the Indians live and the roads leading thereto. Moreover he speaks Mexican-Spanish, the universal language of Southern California Indians.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California

1933

May 1	San Fran.St. cars and Ferry.83; Taxis .35,.65,.35		2	18
	S.P.R.R. Ret. ticket San Fran-Banning		22	25
	Pullman San Fran.-Los Angeles	V	8	10
	Meals		2	40
May 2	Baggage & Porter .60; Meals Los Ang. & Banning 2.75		3	35
May 3	Hotel Banning, Room	V	2	50
	Meals for two (French Gilman, Ass't & self)		2	70
	Paid Indian vocab. work		3	25
May 4	Victorville, Hotel Stewart, Room	V	3	00
	Palm Springs Garage-Repair tire	V		75
	Gas-5 gals. .93; Meals for two 3.50		4	43
May 5 & 6	Meals for two: San Gorgonio-Morongo region		3	75
	Pd. Inds. & Interpreter: Serrano $1.50; Koopa $2.00 Chemeweve $1.50; Helper translator $2.00		7	00
May 7	Hotel Banning, Room May 4-7	V	7	50
	M. French Gilman services-self & car May 3-7, 5 days	V	53	00
	Meals self and M. Gilman 3.00; Pd. Ind.Bosley Mor.Val. 2.50; Riverside-Los Angeles Railroad 1.35		6	85
	Sleeper Los Ang.-Oakland (Section)	V	6	30
May 8	Taxi .25; R. E. Porter .25; Bkfst & Lch. 1.25		1	75
	J. L. Macnair- car storage and gas	V	2	63
	San Rafael Ferry- self & car			85
May 11	Allen's Press clippings for April	V	3	00
May 15	Sausalito Ferry ret .25; Meals San Fran. 1.50		1	75

y 15	San Fran. Street cars.25			25
y 16	Pickwick Hotel, Room	V	2	50
	Meals 1.50; Str.cars .15; Photo envelopes .25		1	90
-y 18-19	8 gals. gas 1.44; Sausalito Garage--night storage 50		1	94
	San Rafael-Richmond Ferry ret. 1.70; 7 gal.gas 1.23		2	93
y 23	Meals (boat)		1	25
	Richmond Ferry & car .85; Meals 1.25		2	10
	J. L. Macnair--Storage & Repairs, My Ford	V	6	75
	S. P. fare (ret.) San Fran-Los Ang.		18	75
y 24	Pullman Sleeper--San Fran.-Los Ang.	V	8	10
	Bus--Los Ang.-Redlands; Meals self & Gilman 3.50		5	05
25	Porter .25; Pd. Ind. San Manuel Res. 1.50		1	75
	Redlands: Hotel Posada, Room for two	V	4	00
	Gas, Redlands 1.19; Riverside Gas.68		1	82
26	Meals for two		3	30
	Pine Valley: Cabin Room	V	3	00
	Bkfst for two 1.50; 7 gals. gas 1.33; Oil .30		1	63
27	Paid Indians		4	00
	Pd. Ind., Campo 3.50; Pd. Campo Ind. back of Hotel 1.50		5	00
	Warren Rch., Campo--Room & Meals for Gilman & self Noon May 26-Noon May 27	V	6	60
28	Pine Valley Cabin Room	V	2	50
	Lch. & Supper for two, Warner Hot Springs		4	00

May 28	Pd. Ind. Ortega for afternoon & evening		3	00
May 29-30	Hot Springs Hotel, Rooms 2 days		6	00
	Meals: Bkfst 29 to Bkfst 30 incl. for 2 (8 meals)		5	00
	Pd. J. Ortega Ind. 1.50; Pd. Warner Inds. 3.50		1	50
May 30	Pala: Pd. two Indians		2	28
	Dinner for two .75; 9 gals. gas 1.53		6	30
May 31	Fallbrook: Ldg., Sup. & Bkfst for two		2	50
	Lunch & Supper for two		2	00
June 1	Hemet: Hotel Atascadero Room		5	00
	Pd. Santa Rosa Mt. Ind. 1.50; Meals 3.50		1	00
	Soboba Inds. 1.00		4	00
June 2	Redlands: Hotel La Posada Room		5	36
	Meals 2.50; Pd. San Manuel Ind. 1.50; 8 gal gas 1.36		8	10
	Pullman Sleeper--Los Ang.-San Fran.			
	M. French Gilman--Services & Car 10 days May 24-June 2 incl. Services $50; Car 700 miles $70		120	
	700 mile trip: San Bernardino Valley, Temecula, Miramar, San Diego, El Cajon, Descanso, Pine Val., Campo on Mex. border, Cuyamaca Lake, Julian, Santa Ysabel, Warner Hot Spgs., Pala, Fallbrook, Morongo Temecula, Hemet, San Jacinto Mt., Santa Rosa Mt., Soboba, Yucaipa Val., Redlands			
June 3	7 gal gas 1.08; San Rafael Ferry--car & self .85		1	93
	Lunch			50
			$418.88	

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418.88

May 1933

June 8, 1933

Mr. George W. White, President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. White:

Will you be kind enough to send me a memorandum of my balance in your bank and greatly oblige.

Since reaching California I have made several interesting field trips travelling by auto nearly 2,000 miles among the Indians mainly in the mountains and valleys in the southern part of the state.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Answer rec'd. Okla-Coma

June 9, 1933

Mr. Eric Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing a batch of negatives (37 in all) from which please make 2 enlargements each, small postal size (about 5½ x 3½).

Instead of cutting down the negatives (which makes you more trouble in printing) I am sending the whole negative and shall be obliged if you will cut out most of the sky and enough of the sides to make the small postal size prints.

C. Hart Merriam

P.S. There are 20 Lieca negatives--11 of Indian children, 9 of scenery in San Diego County.

From the 11 Lieca negatives of Indian children please make 2 sets of prints--one set about 2½ x 3½, the other 5½ x 3½ as already stated. —Dam

June 9, 1933

Dr. Witmer Stone
Editor the Auk
Academy Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Stone:

Your letter of the 3rd instant has just reached me here at Lagunitas --on my return from a long and roundabout trip through Southern California.

Sorry to learn that the fund for the publication of the Auk is so low. In accordance with your request I herewith agree to the appropriation of not over $500. for the July Auk.

With best wishes to Mrs. Stone and yourself from Mrs. Merriam and the old man.

Yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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C. Hart Merriam

June 13, 1933

Dear Mrs. Erminie Voegelin:

Returning from a recent field trip, your letter of May 31 was found in my box.

I am glad to know that you and your husband have been and are making an intensive study of the Tubotelobela. I have done a good deal of work with this interesting tribe, beginning in 1902, and am expecting to publish in the not distant future.

Of the animal names I have more than 100. Don't you think your request for these is rather a long order? However, I shall be glad to help you. If you will send me the Tubotelobela names for the species you have found mentioned in their myths I will give you (so far as I have them) the proper English and scientific names.

I am in the field most of the time so if you leave Kern Valley before my next return, please give your address.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

June 13, 1933

Dr. Robert T. Morris
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Dr. Morris:

Your letter about the crows has been forwarded from Washington.

As you indicate, crows are pretty smart birds and it is something of a job to get rid of their raids on poultry and eggs. Personally, I have never attempted anything of the sort.

You ask about the degree of solubility of thallium. I don't know anything about this, but from evidence collected by some of the University of California people I should never think of using this dangerous poison.

As my memory goes back to our days in New Haven in the middle 70's, I infer that both you and I are now in--or at least rapidly approaching--the class of antiques!

With best wishes to you.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 13, 1933

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Your letter of May 26 awaited my return from a recent field trip.

You appear to have dug up a lot of most interesting information in regard to Jedediah Smith's wanderings in the lower Sacramento region; but being far away from sources of information, I can't help wondering where you got your data.

Unfortunately I am still busy in field work far away from sources of information--so I am obliged to say with regret that I don't see how I can help you out.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

June 13, 1933

Assessor District of Columbia:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me 2 copies of the Personal Tax Return for 1934, addressed to me at Lagunitas, California.

Very truly yours,

Rec'd.

June 17, 1933

Mr Geo W. White, President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr White:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th inst giving my balance as $888.92.

Am now back from another auto trip among several tribes of Southern California Indians. Had no hot weather during this bit of work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

June 17, 1933

Mr Harry W. Carlson
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In accord with your statement of yesterday, I am encloseing herewith my check for $4.50.

Very truly yours,

June 29, 1933

Mr Geo. W. White, President
Nat. Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr White:

My daughter Zenaida (Mrs M. W. Talbot) is starting to build a house in Berkeley, across the Bay from San Francisco. I am going to help finance it.

Enclosed herewith is the key to my safe-deposit box in your Bank. I shall be obliged if you will kindly take from this box the following securities:

No. 1. $500 Va Ry 5s of 1962
" 2. $1000 Washn Ry & El 4s 1951
" 3. $1000 Consol Ry 4s 1954
" 4. $2000 C B & Q (Ill Div) 3½s 1949
" 5. $2000 C B & Q 4s 1958

Please sell nos 1,2, and 3 and deposit money therefrom to Cash account of Zenaida M. Talbot in your Nat. Metropolitan Bank and send duplicate deposit slip to her at 2672 Hilgard Ave, Berkeley, Calif.

Please send the Bonds here numbered 4 and 5 to her, insured, care First Berkeley Branch, Am.Trust Co., Shattuck Ave & Center St.,Berkeley, Calif.

Should any of Nos. 1,2,or 3 require my signature before sale, kindly send with Nos 4 & 5 to Berkeley Branch, Am. Trust Co. as above.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 3, 1933

Miss Ruth M. Underhill, Treasurer

American Folklore Society
Barnard College, New York City

Enclosed is my check on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco for $6.50 in payment of Memoirs for the current year.

Kindly send reciept to me at Lagunitas,Calif. and have the publications sent as usual to my permanent address, 1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Please have the receipt made out for Memoirs for 1933--Not for Society Membership.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 4, 1933

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of June, amounting to $2o2.79, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund and oblige,

Very truly yours,

Expense Account for June 1933

1933			
June 5	Spindler and Sauppe, Photo work		4 96
	Allen's Press Clippings for May (Indians & Mt Lions)		3 00
6	SanFrancisco Ferry, ret.25; St Cars 25; Meals 2.25		2 75
"	" Pickwick Hotel, room		2 50
	Swenson, Photo work		11 02
	Thelma Groezinger, Stenographer, Services 7 days		28 00
13	Board of Stenographer seven days @ 1.		7 00
16	Calif Fish & Game Bull for 1933		1 00
	National Parks Magazine " "		3 00
20	San Rafael Ferry, Self & car		75
	San Francisco:Taxi & St cars 1.00; dinner 1.00		2 00
	So.Pacific Co:Ret ticket S.F.-Los Angeles		18 75
	Sleeper room to Los Angeles		8 10
	Baggage .25; Porter 25		50
21	Los Angeles:Train porter 25;transfer 25; meals 3.00		3 50
	Elec RR Los Angeles-Redlands 1.55; Taxi Indian Res 3.60		5 15
	Pd Indian, Jose Salvadeo		2 50
22	Redlands, Hotel La Posada, room		2 00
"	to San Bernardino .30; Taxi San Manuel Res 3.00		3 30
	Telegram to Banning 50; Porter 25; Meals 2.50		3 25
23	San Bernardino, Antlers Hotel room		2 00
	Meals 2.25; Baggage 25; Pd Indians 3.00		5 50
	Bus,San Bernardino-Banning 1.00;John Morongo2;meals 2.25		3.25
24	Tom Morongo,Ind. allday 3.25; John Morongo evg(7-11o'clk)2.		5 25
25	Inds:Mrs Ruis: Mary Mike: Mrs Tom Morongo ($2.each)		6 00
June 25	French Gilman: Services self & car two days @ 7.50		15 00
26	Hotel Banning, Banning, Calif.Room 2 days		7 50
	Bus,Banning- Riverside 1.1o;El car Riv'sd Los Angeles	1.35	2.45
	Los Angeles:St Cars 20; Porters 35; Meals 2.50		3 05
	S.P. Sleeper room,Los Angeles-San Francisco		8 10
27	San Fran.Porters 25 & 15; Oaklnd Ferry ret 42;Taxi 40		1 22
	Macnair Garage,Berkeley: Car repairs		3 50
29	Sausalito Ferry 25; car storage 30; St cars 25;meals	135	2 15
30	Marin Co Motors:repair water pump Ford car		70
	8 gals gas @ 18cts		1 44
	Postage and stampt envelopes		1 80
July 3	E. H.Swenson, Photo work June 15-27		13 50
Apr 21-Jun21.	Pacific Gas & El current,Apr 21-June21:$22.27 1/3 =		7 35

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July 4, 1933

Board Personal Tax Appraisers
Office Assessor, District Columbia

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me two copies of the form entitled "Personal Tax Return" for 1934.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam
C. Hart Merriam

Address, Lagunitas, Calif.

Recd. - Cam

July 13, 1933

Mr F. E. Hildebrand
Asst. Cashier
Nat. Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Hildebrand:

Your letter of the 7th inst with enclosures as stated, together with a very clear statement of your action in the matter of sale and transfer of certain Bonds in accord with my request of June 29, together with three coupons and the key to my safe deposit box, came this morning, for all of which I am greatly obliged.

I appreciate your promptness and the trouble you have been put to, andreturn my best thanks.

Very truly yours,

L. Hunter Harrison

July 19, 1933

Editor P. G. & E. Progress
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The July number of P. G. & E. Progress contains an interesting article on the nesting of a pair of "Hawks" on a high voltage transmission line tower.

But your writer forgot to state WHICH of California's large array of Hawks was guilty of this indiscretion. This information would not only be of interest to many readers, but would at once put into our ornithological journals a new and interesting record.

Very truly yours,

C Hm

See also 364.

July 23, 1933

Auditor D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your undated letter just recieved concerning my 193i assessment for street paving (doubtless Caroline st near 16th) which I paid at the time, and of which I am entitled to a refund of $1o6.19, would say:

I am in California engaged in fieldwork under the Smithsonian and do not expect to return until October.

My business papers, accounts, reciepts, canceled checks and so on are in my house,1919 Sixteenth Street, which is closed for the summer, and therefore inaccessible.

However,though unable to fill some of the blanks, I have executed the affidavit and am inclosing it herewith along with the accompanying voucher, which I have signed as payee.

If this is sufficient, kindly send refund check to me here (Lagunitas, Calif.) If not sufficient, it will have to wait till my return to Washington in October.

Respectfully,

Chm

Copy

Lagunitas, Calif.
July 27, 1933

Dear Mrs Mexia:

You were very kind to bring your beautiful and most interesting albums of Amazonian photographs to my daughters in Berkeley so I might enjoy them; and now comes your 'Three Thousand Miles up the Amazon', from the Sierra Club Bulletin.

Mrs Merriam and I have read it with pleasure and profit.

In this article you have touched only the high spots. Obviously you have material for another and equally interesting paper on your South American travels. With this in mind, I would suggest that you send a copy of the Sierra Club article to Dr. Grosvenor with a note mentioning that you have a large number of additional photographs. His address is, Dr Gilbert Grosvenor, National Geographic Society, Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs Inez Mexia
Berkeley, Calif.

July 30, 1933

Dear Walter:

Your letter dated July 15 came yesterday!

Glad to hear from you just the same. And shall be still gladder to see your good wife and yourself here.

How about next week-end? Can't you both come Saturday August 5 and stay over Sunday? I assume that you will drive up. Our branch of the NW Pacific dies tomorrow and the tracks are to be taken up. And we don't know about the coming bus schedule.

Too bad you have been having such hard luck with eyes, but good you are now on the up road.

We came early and I worked on lower Colorado River in April, and later hit the Mexican boundary again, and also various parts of Southern California.

Have you learned anything about the Indians on the Carmel?

My wife joins in love to you both and in the hope that you will be with us next week end.

As ever yours,

C

Dr Walter K. Fisher
Hopkins Biol. Lab.
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Retake of Preceding Frame

August 2, 1933

Recorder of Deeds
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send me a copy of the Deed from the older Mailliard to the Northwestern Pacific Railroad of the spring which for many years has supplied the rail-road tank at Lagunitas. I think it is on lot 70 of Sub-division 3 of the Lagunitas Tract, Mailliard Estate, 1905, which I purchased some years ago.

Kindly send bill and I will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

August 3, 1933

Mr Eric Swenson
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr Swenson:

Prints of the boy came this morning, BUT NO BILLS.

Please send all bills to me the last of the month so I can pay them at once and get your reciept back in time to go to Washington with my monthly account. I'm still holding, waiting for your July bills,-both personal and official.

In future,
Please send me contact prints, and also one set enlarged to 2½X3½ before returning the films--you holding the films till I write about enlargements

After all prints have been sent me, then wait a day before sending the films--to avoid possible loss--a very sad affair.

Very truly yours,

E. Hall

Enclosed are 20 Leica negatives for enlargement to2½x3½ as directed on the inside envelope--all Personal.

August 5, 1933

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for July, amounting to $95.66, which please pay as usual from the Harriman Fund, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Expense Account for July 1933 (to Aug. 3)

July	5	Allen's Press Clippings for June (Indians)	1	3	00
	6	Pickwick Hotel, San Francisco Room	2	2	50
	6	Seven galls Gas @ 20		1	40
	13	Marin Co Motors: Oil and ajust car	3	5	75
	13	Folk-Lore Memoirs, 1933	4	6	50
	15	Pickwick Hotel, Room	5	2	50
	14-15	San Rafael-San Fran RR & ferry,ret 60; meals 1;Taxil		2	60
	14-15	San Francisco: Meals 2.75; St cars 25; clips & celltape	50	3	50
	17	Reg mail (negatives) & postage			55
	20	Sausalito ferry ret 25; Oaklnd ferry ret 42;5 gas 1		1	67
		St Cars 25; Meals 75; Car storage 2 nights 1.		2	00
	28	Montgomery-Ward: Pair heavy duty tires for auto	6	20	80
		Sausalito Ferry ret 25; St cars 30; meals 1.75		2	30
	29	5 gals gas 1; meals 1.50; Ferry & 2 nights storage	2.25	4	75
	24	Saus Ferry ret 25; Camera repairs 1.25; meals & St cars		1	50
		Meals 1.50; S.F. St cars 30		1	80
		Pacific Gas & El: Current June 21 - July 22 $ 9.04		3	01
		Water Rent to end June $16.48		5	99
		Spindler & Sauppe, Photo work month of July	7	5	52
		Eric Swenson, Photo work month of July	8	14	12
Aug	2	7 gallons gas		1	40
	3	Allen's Press Clippings for July	9	3	00
				95	66

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August 10. 1933

Dr T. Gilbert Pearson
President Nat. Assoc.
Audubon Societies

Dear Dr Pierson:

Thanks for Cat laws and suggestions.

You say that Vagrant Cats "Shall be taken and impounded". This sounds good--B U T: Did'nt you forget the most essential preliminary--How to catch the cat?

Very truly yours,

August 23, 1933

Automobile Assoc. of So. Calif:

Kindly send me your map or maps showing roads between Kern River on the north, and Mohave Desert on the south, covering the Caliente-Havilah-Walker Pass-Red Rock country.

I've been continuously a member of the Calif. A A A for more than 20 years.

Very truly yours,

And can you tell me of places where one may stop over night in this region besides Kernville, Weldon, Onyx Ranch, Caliente, and Piute?

August 23, 1933

Mr John Collier
Commissioner, Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Collier:

Your 'Memorandum' concerning the sale of Indian lands under the Allotment law just recieved. It is the clearest and mose accurate statement I've seen.

I assume that the curse of the old Allotment system has gone so far that its cruel injustices--like those of the Inquisition--have now become history.

Years ago I published in The Forum an article on the subject but it was so cut downby the editor as to lose most of its sting.

Congratulating you on accomplishing this stag[illegible] on behalf of our Indians, and with kind regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

August 27, 1933

H. K. Porter, Inc.
Everett, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for letter of August 22 just recd.

Herein am enclosing check on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D.C. for6.2o, for which please send me one No 3 H.P.K. Forester, prepaid, as per your letter of the 22d inst.

August 28, 1933

Automobile Club of So California
Attention Mr Hugh Willard

Thanks for your letter of the 25th inst with maps of the Kern-Piute country.

I now want to ask for another map--the one covering the Coast region from Paso Robles and Templeton south and southwest over the mountains to and down Toro Creek.

I assume that this is a better way than down to San Luis Obispo and up the coast to Toro Creek--as I am going from the north southward.

Very truly yours,

August 28, 1933

Col. O. H. Lipps
Indian Office
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Col Lipps:

Can you tell me what became of the Indians formerly living on Toro Creek on the southwest slope of the mountains SW of Templeton and NW of San Luis Obispo? Maybe they were not moved. I do'nt know.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 30, 1933

Col. O. H. Lipps
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Col. Lipps:

Thanks for your promptness in replying to my letter of the 28th inst. and for telling me about the old Yowelmanne Indians. I shall try to see them later. I have worked with this tribe a good deal and have more than a thousand words of their language.

If you know the names and addresses of any Indians in the Sacramento or Delta region, I would be very glad to have them. No hurry about this as I expect to work in California until the middle of October.

Very truly yours,

August 3o, 1933

Dear Miss Eastwood:

It was good and thoughtful of you to send me your Leaflets of Western Botany. I'm now so old and out of touch with this kind of literature that I did'nt even know of their existence.

Howell's remarks on Arctostaphylos columbiana on the Mendocino Plains interests me as I was much impressed by the unusual aspect of the manzanitas, and some other plants as well, in this peculiar bit of coast.

And Milo Baker's A. densiflora makes me regret that it was not described when I was rather actively studying the group.

A month or so ago I was rather bewildered by some of the manzanitas in Southern California, particularly by a beautiful densely-flowered species on Mount San Jacinto.

I want to congratulate you and Mr Howell on the excellent appearance of your new Journal; and you also on your continued activity and success.

As ever yours,

Sept.1, 1933

Dear Mr Logan:

The photographs (enlargements) of that remarkable head on the Bay cliff come only today. They strike me as very good, so I am enclosing herewith one from the best negative.

It would be worth while when you see the owner of that large bit of coast, to ask if he knows anything about when and by whom it was done. I should be very glad to know.

Has Brayton Bryant gone to Deep Springs Valley yet? I want to send him one of these photographs.

With appreciative thanks for taking me on that interesting trip, and with kind regards to Mrs Logan,

Very truly yours,

Mr H. B. Logan
Inverness, Calif.

Sept. 11,1933

Mr J. C. Strittmatter
461 Market St.
San Francisco

Dear Mr Strittmatter:

Thanks for your letter and Lagunitas Club statement of the 7th inst.in regard to the surfacing of the road.

I am just back from the upper valley of Carmel River and shall be glad to meet Mrs Strittmatter and Supervisor Thompson at your house at 10 A.M. on Wednesday the 13th as requested.

In accordance with your further request I am today sending my check on the Crocker Bank for $75. to R. A. Houck, Secretary Lagunitas Improvement Club.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 12,1933

Mr R. A. Houck, Secy
Lagunitas Improvement Club
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request of J. C. Strittmatter, acting for the road committee, I am herewith enclosing my check FOR Seventy five dollars to be applied on the improvement of our road from the railroad up to the Gollan hill, in accord with plans submitted by Supervisor Thompson, Chairman of the Marin County Road Committee.

Very truly yours,

E. [illegible] Harrison

Sept.12, 1933

Am Automobile Association
San Francisco, Calif.

Kindly send me your latest Road map of the region from Jolon north to include Santa Lucia Mt now sometimes called Junipera Serra Mt.

Also, shall be obliged if you can tell me of any stopping places where one may stay over night without camping in this region.

Very truly yours,

Sept 13, 1933

H. K. Porter, Esq
Everett, Mass.

Dear Sir:

It is now more than two weeks since I sent you my check for $6.2o in payment for one of your No 3 H P K Foresters but to date have not had or heard anything from you.

It is getting late and I'm anxious to try the thing on my brush. Kindly hurry it up.

It came
Ok

Oct. 1, 1933

Mr J. W. Schultz
Bozeman, Montana

Dear Schultz:

Returning last evening from a field trip I found your letter of September 13.

No, our house is not for rent.

Lagunitas is in the Coast Rain Belt and is not not a comfortable place for anyone to stay after the end of the present month. We tried it out two years and then gave it up. Such continuous downpours as we have here in winter are interesting as natural phenomena, but dreadful to endure.

Our little railroad, after running at a loss for a year or two, gave up the fight and quit.

Glad you have put through another book. You sure are industrious.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 1, 1933

E. A. Forde
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Returning to Lagunitas I find your bid of $350 for paving my road at Lagunitas, thus showing that you are not interested in the job.

C. H. M.

Oct. 1, 1933

Mr Geo. W.White
President Nat.Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr White:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for four hundred dollars (400) which kindly placeto credit of my account in your bank.

Am expecting to return to Washington about the end of the month.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

October 4, 1933

Dear Doctor Stephens:

It was most kind of you to take Elizabeth and me to Stanford University to see our old friends Bailey Willis and wife, both of whom we have known for nearly half a century. And we also enjoyed sitting in your beautiful garden with Mrs. Stephens and yourself, not to mention the evening and the opportunity to renew acquaintance with Elizabeth and Stuart. We regret that time did not permit a call on Bruce and his wife.

Wish you could come here again before we go back to Washington. It's lovely here now and I have just had a big Douglas spruce cut, the one that obstructed the left side of our view of Bolinas ridge. This leaves a broader and clearer gap through which we see more of the forested ridge.

It's fine that Elizabeth keeps busy and is looking so well.

I am trying to get things in shape so that I may soon pull out for another field trip in the Naciemiento country.

With love to you all,

Hart & Elizabeth

October 6, 1933

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the two months, August & September and October 1 to 3, amounting to $261.28. Kindly send check here to Lagunitas as I expect to be here until about the end of the month.

You may observe under date of October 2 a rather large bill for repair of car, resulting from collision with a heavy truck.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Expense Account for August, 1933

Aug	8	Sausalito-S.F. Ferry 25; Oaklnd Ferry ret 42		67
	10	San Fran:Meals 2 days 3; St cars 60; car storage 50		4 10
	10	Pickwick Hotel, Room		2 50
	11	5 gals gas		1 02
	11	San Geronimo Water Co. $2.75	1/3	92
	19	Pickwick Hotel, Room Aug 17-19,$5;Telephones 40		5 40
	28	" " " Aug 28		2 50
	28	San Fran: Meals 2.50; St cars 40; Ferry ret 25		1 15
	29	P.G.& E. Electric current July 22-Aug 22 9.32	1/3	3 10
	30	A.M.Robertson,book,Legends Klamath River Indians		2 05
		6 Gals gas		1 23
Sept		5 Rolls Leica Film and adjustments		5 52
	5	Thayer Garage:work on car as per attached bill		26 90
		Allen's Press Clippings for August		3 00
	6	Oakland garage, car over night 35;2 qts oil 45		80
	5	" " 4 gals gas 78; lunch en route 75		1 53
	6	7 gals gas at Alvadero		1 44
	5	San Rafael ferry car & self 85; lunch 60;St cars 30		1 75
	5	~~Oaklnd ferry self & car~~		
	7	Carmel:7gals gas 1.47; lunch 75;Ind.Orestima fam.2.50		4 72
		" region:Old Ind.Miss Meadows,2 days5.;5 gas 1.05		6 05
	8	Monterey Garage,Auto cap for tank, & adjustments		1 26
	9	Carmel to Oaklnd : 7 gals gas 1.44;meals 1.20		2 64
	10	Garage 35;5 gals gas 1.05; meals 1.10;San Raf.Ferry 85		3 00

Sept 1935

13-14	Sausalito Ferry ret.25; S. F.-Oklnd Ferry ret.42	67
	Swenson, Photo work as per itemized bill attached	13 54
	St Cars .40; meals 3.00; 6 gals gas 1.26	4 66
14	San Fran-Pickwick Hotel Room	2 50
18	Sausalito Garage, 2 days storage & work on car	1 00
	Golden Gate Ferry,self & car.75; meals 2.50; St. Cars .20	
	S. F. Denny, 6 map sheets .94; 8 gals gas 1.66	3 45
19	King City, Hotel El Camino Real, Room	2 60
	Meals 2.4 gals gas.84;Interpreter 3.50;Inds 3.50	2 50
20	Milpitas Club Camp, ldg & meals	9 84
	Interpreter Santos Borando 4;Inds Ensinales,wife 4	3 50
	King City, evening dinner 1;	8 00
	El Camino Garage (see accompanying voucher)	1 00
21	El Camino Real Hotel, Room	3 09
	Pd Ind Dave Mora 2.50; wife 1.50; meals 2.50	2 50
	Nt Storage car.50;4 gals gas.84;meals2.50;phone.25	6 50
22	Pd Ind Dave Mora 3; his wife 2;	4 09
	Nt Storage Car .50; 3 gals gas .63; meals 2.50	5 00
	El Camino Real, Room	3 63
23	Salinas Santa Lucia Inn, Room	2 50
	Meals 2.50; 7 gals gas 1.47	2 00
25	San Rafael Ferry,car & self.85; 5 gals gas 1.02	3 97
26	SF-SausalitoFerry ret.25;taxi,st.cars.75;meals 1.00	1.87
	Blank Journ 1.50; quality sq. lead pencil 1.00	2 00
		2 50

Sept. 28-30	San Fran Ferry ret .25; meals 4.50			4 75
	San Fran, Pickwick Hotel, Room & Phone (2 days)			5 50
Oct. Oct2	San Rafael; Neil's Auto Repair Service, as per attached statement			49 42
	Oiling & Greasing Car			2 55
	San Rafael: 7 gals gas 1.47; dinner .60			2 07
	PG&E Electric Current, Aug 22-Sept. 22	7.96	1/3	2 65
3	Eric Swenson, Photo work, Sept.			11 09
	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau, Sept.			3 00

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Two hundred and Sixty one---- twenty-eight--

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October 9, 1933

Dear Florence:

Very glad to know that after your long and perilous trip from Atlantic to Pacific you have brought up at Twin Oaks. It is a satisfaction to know that you are there, and another satisfaction that you are staying with Virginia. It's the best place for you all as there is plenty of room, and with your Ford the place is handy to the other parts of the valley.

Am not surprised that your house is not finished, but Vernon will take the bull by the horns and push the rest of the job.

Zenaida and little Lee spent Saturday night and Sunday (yesterday) with us, much to our joy. That boy is a wonder but he needs more spankings than he is likely to get from his tender-hearted parents.

I am amused at your remarks about the Sitgreaves Pass in the Needles Range. Zenaida, Elizabeth, and I

Florence Vernon Bailey

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enjoyed it greatly on our last trip across. We stopped for lunch at the Harvey Hotel at Mojave where I complained to the proprietor that the icy temperature of the dining room was a dreadful strain on everyone, threatening pneumonia. He asked me how cold I thought it was and I told him about 40°. He then showed me a thermometer which read 72°. Of course, the feeling of cold was the sudden change between indoors and outdoors as the thermometer outside was 112°. But that Needles Ridge is something worth riding over. It would be fine if we could make the trip every week or so.

I had planned to do a good deal more work with Indians in San Diego County, this fall, and had expected to see much of our Twin Oaks family, but there was so much to do north of Tehachapi that I haven't finished yet.

Love to VB and the inhabitants of all three homes.

Vernon Bailey

Oct. 9, 1933

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Returning from a recent field trip I found the bound copy of your new book "Review of the Recent Mammal Fauna of California" which you have been good enough to send me. It is not only a great contribution, but so far as I am aware is incomparably the most complete and painstaking statement yet published on the Mammal Fauna of any state. One has only to glance through it to appreciate the enormous amount of work you have done in fitting it for the press.

I appreciate your reference to my early work and thank you heartily for the bound copy you have been kind enough to send me.

With very best wishes,
C. Hart Merriam

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Oct 9, 1933

Mr. A. R. Pitkerton
Assistant Auditor
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 27, referring to a refund to which I am entitled under Section 11 of the Act of February 20, 1931, would say I have not received the forms mentioned--although if I am not mistaken I filled out and returned to your office something of the sort about a year ago.

I expect to return to my Washington home, 1919-16th Street, about the end of the present month.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam

October 9, 1933

Mr. Ernest T. Seton
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Seton:

Thanks for yours of the 6th instant. Glad to hear from you again. Glad also to subscribe to your TOTEM BOARD.

My sister Florence and her man Bailey enjoyed their brief visit with you and your interesting community. Hope I may be able to drop in there one of these days.

With best wishes to you and success to your undertaking.

As ever yours,

October 10, 1933

Dear Mailliard:

Returning from a recent trip in the San Antonio and Naciemiento River country I found your letter of September 25 awaiting attention.

Your evidence in regard to the former presence of the Black Bear in Marin County upsets the belief I have had for many years to the effect that the Grizzly was the only bear in this region. But your memory in connection with Swarth's identification of your paw would seem to establish the former presence here of Ursus americanus. This upsets my belief that the Russian River forest marked the southern limit of distribution of the Black Bear.

Yesterday morning I heard the first Oregon Robin of the season.

With best wishes and regards from both Mrs. Merriam and myself.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Joseph Mailliard
1815 Vallejo Street
San Francisco, California

October 10, 1933

Mrs. M. S. Baker
1905-16th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Marion:

Can you find time to transact a small bit of business for me? The enclosed postal is all I know about it.

Please phone the "on hand" man at the Railway Express Agency, 2nd and H Streets, asking him to deliver to you at such day and hour as suits your convenience the shipment referred to in the enclosed postal.

Elizabeth and Zenaida have kept reasonably well, although Zee is under constant pressure because of the innumerable details inevitably incident to house building--even in Berkeley!

Wonderful to relate, Florence and VB have arrived at Twin Oaks.

Elizabeth and I hope to return to Washington about the end of the present month.

Hoping that you are well, and with love from us both,

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October 10, 1933

Mr. R. A. Houck, Secretary
Lagunitas Improvement Club
Lagunitas, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith is my check for $3.00 in payment of Improvement Club dues for the current year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 16, 1933

Mr. Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Just back from another trip south. Am sending you enclosed herewith a batch of negatives (41 in number if I have counted correctly) from which please make the number of enlargements indicated on the envelopes.

In billing these please note that 28 of the negatives are official, 13 personal; also that the number of prints wanted of each is indicated on the envelopes.

A batch of contact prints and small enlargements, all official, mailed by you on the 14th, arrived this morning. The negatives will probably come tomorrow, when I will probably write you about enlargements.

Very truly yours,

Edw

October 17, 1933

Dear Talbot:

Referring to our talk about the possibility of a joint trip south before I go back to Washington: I find that the time necessary for the Tehachapi-Caliente round trip would run from 7 to 9 days according to circumstances. This is more than either of us can spare.

I suggest therefore that we give up this trip for the present season and substitute a less distant and much more certain one.

My work with the remnants of the Santa Lucia-San Antonio and Migeleño bands is very incomplete and unsatisfactory owing to interruptions one day by three priests; another day by the owner of the property on which the Indians live. I would like to go there again for one or two days to check up discrepancies and get additional words of the two dialects. The man speaks the northern, his wife the southern. The trip moreover is through a most interesting country, with beautiful oak forests of several species and an

abundance of chaparral on some of the slopes. Moreover, while I am at work on the Naciemiento, it would be entirely practicable for you to take the car and run up to the Santa Lucia Indian camp at the original Milpitas (the present name Milpitas having been moved down stream a number of miles). It strikes me that this trip would mean much more to you than the Tehachapi trip and would consume less than half the time, as it is practicable to drive from the farthest of these Indians back to Berkeley in a single day.

Just think this over until we meet.

Trusting that you and Kotok had a successful trip into the Foothills region back of Madeira,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

[Wl all three went: Talbot, Kroeber, & C.H.M.]

October 17, 1933

Mr. Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Swenson:

The last roll of negatives arrived this morning. I am shocked to find that so large a number were badly lightstruck--doubtless because of the poorly closed container of this batch of Agfa film.

Enclosed herewith are three of the negatives from which please make three prints each, postal size.

I should appreciate the favor if you are able to hurry up all my work still in your hands as it is very hard for me to keep tract of so many photographs, and in at least two cases I am long overdue in sending Indians the promised copies of their pictures.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 20, 1933

Mrs. Walter K. Fisher
Carmel, California

Dear Mrs. Fisher:

At last I have received the photographs taken during the Monterey trip so long ago.

Enclosed herewith are those for Mrs. Meadows and her brother which you were good enough to say you would deliver. Will you kindly ask their full names, which I forgot to record; also the name of the younger woman close by who had just had a baby and therefore could not be photographed.

In another envelope you will find a pair of the important white folks among the interesting birds and flowers and beautiful oaks of Carmel valley.

I assume that your husband is now in the effete east, but have forgotten when he said he would be back home again.

For several weeks past I have been working mainly in Milpitas, San Antonio, and Naciemiento valleys and may return in the very near future.

We are due in Washington the end of this month, but whether we shall make it or not remains to be seen--for there is still much to be done out here.

With love from us both,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 20, 1933

Mr. Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Thanks for sending the batch of prints which arrived this morning. I'm much pleased with most of them. The fact that one of the Indians was out of focus is my fault of course.

Am sending by this mail another roll of film which kindly treat as usual.

Very truly yours,

October 20, 1933

Mr. Roy Meadows
Carmel, California

Dear Mr. Meadows:

Herewith are a few photographs of Manuel Onessimo which I took more than a month ago. He asked me to send them to you so he could get them.

I very much regret that all of these photographs are very poor. The light was not good, and evidently I made a mistake in the focus. If I ever get down there again, I will try to do better.

Very truly yours,

Oct. 25, 1938

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Just back from the last field trip of the season and shall begin to pack for Washington as soon as I can write up notes.

Hence, please hold October salary check until my return.

Hastily yours,

C Kn

October 25, 1933

Mr. William Waters, Postman
16th & U Streets
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this letter kindly hold all mail for Mrs. Merriam and myself until our return to 1919 16th Street, where we hope to arrive in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 25, 1933

Science News Letter
21st and Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Upon receipt of this letter please change my address for the Science News Letter from Lagunitas, California, to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M/M

October 25, 1933

Publisher
Rod and Gun in Canada
Box 125, Station A
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this letter please change my address for Rod and Gun in Canada from Lagunitas, California to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

M/M

October 25, 1933

Outdoor Life Publishing Company
Mount Morris, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of this letter please change my address for Outdoor Life from Lagunitas, California to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

M/M

October 25, 1933

National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs :

Upon receipt of this letter please change my address for the National Geographic from Lagunitas, California, to 1919 16th Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,

M/M

October 25, 1933

Publisher
American Forests
1523 L Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please change my address for American Forests from Lagunitas, California, to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

M/M

October 25, 1933

Publisher
Field and Stream
24 West 45th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Please change my address for Field and Stream from Lagunitas, California, to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C. upon receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M/M

October 25, 1933

Publisher
Science and Scientific Monthly
Grand Central Terminal
New York City

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this letter please change my address for Science and Scientific Monthly from Lagunitas, California, to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M/M

October 30, 1933

Col. Lawrence Martin
Chief, Division of Maps
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Martin:

Your letter in regard to the Muir journals came a long time ago, while I was in the field, and as I have been in the field most of the time since, it has been impracticable for me to visit Mrs. Wanda Muir Hanna until a couple of days ago. Mrs. Hanna has charge of her father's journals and other literary belongings, and lives near the old family homestead not far from Martinez.

When I told her that I had provided for the permanent keeping of my journals and various other materials in the Library of Congress, and suggested that it might be difficult to find a safer or better place in which to deposit John Muir's journals, sketches, and so on, she expressed pleasure at the suggestion, and from the subsequent conversation I assume that she will act accordingly.

Mrs. M. and I are returning to Washington in a few days and hope to see you soon.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

Charles Marvin

Nov. 8, 1933

Mr Geo. W. White, President,
Nat. Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Returning from California, I have your letter of the 3d inst. in regard to the Tierney loan of $6,000 which fell due October 6 last. I note that you have extended $4,000 of this to October 6, 1936, with interest at 6% payable semi-annually.

Also, that you have extended the balance of this loan, namely,$1,000, so that $100 plus interest at 6% is to be paid on the 6th of each month until the balance of this note is paid.

I appreciate your attention in this matter, but in future do not care to extend or renew any more notes--for the reason that I am now close to seventy nine years old and believe that my executers would prefer some other kind of investments.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov 10, 1933

Prof Henry H. Donaldson
Wistar Institute, Philadelphia

Dear Dr Donaldson:

Returning from California, I find your inquiry of October 27 about the rats mentioned by Catlin as in the Mandan Villages on Missourf River in the early thirties.

It is well known that European rats were passengers on early steamers on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers; also, that native Woodrats (genus Neotoma) of both round-and bushy-tail species were, and still are, indigenous to the upper Missouri country.

Being exceedingly busy opening and heating my house after 6 months absence, I am taking the liberty to refer your inquiry to E. A. Preble of the Biological Survey.

Very truly yours,

C Hart Merriam

Nov. 12, 1933

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th inst. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me two reserved seat tickets for the Society's Lectures of the coming season, beginning Friday evening November 17.

You are to be congratulated on the change to Constitution Hall for this series; also, on the subjects of the lectures.

Trusting that your health is fully restored,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 24, 1933

Mr. J. H. Fleming
267 Rushholme Road
Toronto, Canada

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Returning from California a short time ago I found your thoughtful letter urging me to go to the Jubilee meeting of the Ornithologist's Union.

For several years past, due to age and the infirmities that go with it, I have been obliged to cut out practically all meetings--a real deprivation.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

M:s

November 24, 1933

Mr. J. W. Schultz
669 Sixtieth Street
Oakland, California

Dear Schultz:

Your note of the 14th instant, forwarded from Lagunitus, reaches me here. I returned from Lagunitus a couple of weeks ago and expect to remain here until spring. Sorry to miss your call.

As ever yours,

M:S

November 24, 1933

Mr. C. F. Jacobsen
Cashier National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jacobsen:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, regarding the collection of City of New York Coupons, would say that I cannot imagine any reason why these coupons should not be collected as heretofore in New York City. The suggestion of having them sent to England for collection strikes me as ridiculous.

Very truly yours,

M:S

November 24, 1933

Prof. A. A. Allen
Cornell University
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Professor Allen:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th instant, acknowledging receipt of my reply to your questions in regard to ornithological education.

I shall be glad to have a separate of your article.

Very truly yours,

M:S

November 24, 1933

Prof. Otis W. Caldwell
433 West 123rd Street
New York City

Dear Professor Caldwell:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant, which arrived soon after my return from California.

Unfortunately I am not able to attend the coming dinner to Doctor Cattell, but shall be glad if you will kindly give him my congratulations and best regards.

Very truly yours,

M:S

November 24, 1933

Editor
The Canadian Field-Naturalist
582 Mariposa Avenue
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir:

The April 1933, number of your interesting and valuable publication contains (page 76) a note entitled "Chipmunk vs. Snake." It is signed "J. M. McArthur," but I fail to find any reference to the locality of the incident. The locality is important as indicating the species or subspecies of chipmunk concerned. Can you give me this information?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

November 29, 1933

Standard Book Company
235-237 West 23rd Street
New York City

Thanks for Book List 159, just received. From this please send me the following:

Alaska Bear Trails, by Harold McCracken	$1.10
The Mammoth, by Bassett Digby	.90
The Butterfly Book, by W. J. Holland	1.98
	$3.98

My check for these, amounting to $3.98, is enclosed herewith.

Please send by express, charges collect, addressed 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

November 29, 1933

Mr. Frank Bond
Cleveland Park
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bond:

Since returning from California Mrs. Merriam and I have been so busy attending to housecleaning, changes in plumbing, and so on, that I have only now finished going through the two barrels of mail accumulated during our absence.

Among the surprises discovered is your delightful little book telling of the doings of your Bird Boarders. On finding it, I sat down by a good light and with uninterrupted pleasure read it from cover to cover. It is not only an incentive to others and a real contribution to ornithology, but also I found it good medicine for a tired old man! And moreover, it is just like you, and I thank you for the joy it gave me.

Mrs. Merriam joins in kind regards to Mrs. Bond and yourself.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

J

November 28, 1933

Editor
Forest and Outdoors
360 Sunlight Bldg.
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir:

The September number of your magazine (page 245) reproduces a photograph of a deer at incomprehensibly close quarters.

How could one pose a live deer to stand exactly in this way and apparently within arm's reach. And where did this deer live?

Information will be thankfully received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 4, 1933.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my account for the months of October and November, amounting to $326.01, which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I think you know that in California the price of gas per gallon varies with location (distance from railroad), grade of gas, and sometimes also from month to month.

Am enclosing salary voucher for Mrs. Ruby Schofield, stenographer-assistant, Nov. 24-30, at rate of $100 per month, amounting to $23.33.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Expense account for Oct.-Nov. 1933

1933				
Sept. 13	[Omitted from Sept. Acct.] 7 Leica films	1	3	36
Oct. 1	National Acad. Science & Proceedings 1933-34		10	00
9	Seton, Indian Service Woodcraft		2	50
10	Lagunitas: Muriel Martinelli, stenog. 4½ days	2	12	50
11	En route King City: 5 gal. gas 1.05; S.F. Ferry car & self .65; meals 1.85		3	55
12	King City: car storage .50; 8 gas 1.68; meals 2.80		4	98
	Paid Indians: Dick Mora & wife (@ 2.00)		4	00
13	King City: Hotel Camino Real, room Oct. 11-13	3	5	00
	" " storage .50; 6 gal. gas 1.47; meals 2.80		4	77
	Paid Indians: Mora & wife		4	00
14	Salinas: Santa Lucia Inn, room	4	2	00
	5 gal. gas 1.03; meals 2.50; Ferry, self & car .65		4	18
15	4 " " .82; storage .25; meals 1.75		2	82
17	San Rafael: rubber mat for Ford car	5	1	75
21	En route south: adj. brakes .75; 6 gas 1.20; meals 2.25		4	20
	4 rolls Leica films	6	2	87
22	9 gal. gas 1.85; oil .30, storage .50	7	2	65
23	King City: car storage .50; 4 gal. gas .87	8	1	32
	Hotel El Camino Real, room Oct. 21-23	9	5	00
	Meals 3.00; paid Indians, Dick Mora & wife 4.00		7	00
24	Salinas: Santa Lucia Inn, room	10	2	00
	8 gal. gas 1.64; roll Leica film .70; meals 2.00		4	34
28-29	S.F.-Sausalito ferry: car stor..75; st. cars.35; meals 4		5	10

			Subvouch.	
	30	S.F. Pickwick Hotel, room	11	2 50
	31	Muriel Martinelli, stenographer 5½ days	12	17 50
		P.G.&E. El. current, Sept. 22-Oct. 24 7.78 1/3		2 59
Nov.	1	San Raf. Ferry, car & self .75; meals 1.25; 5 gas 1.05		3 05
	2	San Raf. Ferry, " " " .75; S.F.-Oakland Ferry .42; street cars .25; meals 1.75		3 17
		Eric H. Swensen, Photo work in Oct.	13	34 73
		So. Pacific R. R. Pullman stateroom S.F.-Washn. 11½	14	55 50
	6	Meals en route: sup. Nov. 2-bkfst. Nov. 6, 11; porter 1.		12 00
		Baggage in .75; taxi .25		1 00
	7	Washn.: Fidelity Storage: Insured Expressage (mss. & maps) from Calif.	15	24 52
	8	Field & Stream 1934 2.50; Am. Forests 4; Birdlore 1.50		8 00
		Hunting in 3 Continents (Boone & Crockett Club)	16	5 00
	10	The Auk for 1934, 5.00; Chapman, Autobiography 3.80		8 80
		Allen's Press clippings (Indians & cougars) for Oct.	17	3 00
		Mattole (Athabascan) Language, by Fang-Kuei Li		3 00
	15	Outdoor Life for 1934, 2.50; Midweek Pictorial 2.00		4 50
	27	Florence Johnson, housecleaning office quarters 5½ da.	18	13 75
	30	Edith Strothers, assistance cleaning office quarters	19	3 33
		Gas Mar 20-Nov. 20 5.76 1/3	20	1 92
		Electric current Mar. 15-Nov. 15 6.52 1/3	21	2 17
		Shell furnace oil Nov. 29, 550 gal. 37.13 1/3		12 37
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Ruby B. Schofield

31 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.

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C. Hart Merriam

December 4, 1933

The Science Press
Grand Central Terminal
New York City

The book "American Men of Science," fifth edition, published by your Press, arrived with bill for $8.00 on November 29. The same day I sent a check for this amount.

But on looking over previous check books I find that I paid this bill on July 4 last. So kindly return the duplicate payment of $8.00.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 4, 1933

Edmond Heller
Washington Park Zoological Society
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Heller:

Returning from California a short time ago I laid aside your Elephant Bulletin dated May, 1933. I have now read it with great interest and satisfaction, and shall be obliged if you can send me a duplicate copy.

You certainly have a clever way of saying things. And you have written the best account I have ever seen of elephants.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 4, 1933

Collector of Taxes
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith is my check for $40.98, in payment of second half of my personal tax for the year 1934.

Very truly yours,

M:S

411

December 4, 1933

(Auditor)

A. R. Pilkerton
Prin. Asst. Auditor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying again to your letter of September 27 (which I acknowledged from Lagunitas, Calif., October 9) would say that having returned to my home, 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, I have carefully examined my accumulated mail and failed to find the refund voucher to which you refer.

Referring again to my copy book, I find that on July 23 last, I wrote the Auditor in reply to a letter from him received July 23, which stated that I was entitled to a refund of $106.19. I enclosed therein an affidavit and voucher, which I signed as payee, but have heard nothing from it since until the receipt of your letter of September 27.

Kindly inform me what additional action on my part is necessary. If more vouchers are desired kindly enclose them.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam

M:S

412

December 4, 1933

Dr. S. A. Barrett
Director Milwaukee Museum
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Doctor Barrett:

Returning to Washington a few days ago I found your letter dated April 11, 1933, stating that you were forwarding me a paper entitled Miwok Material Culture.

On going carefully over the voluminous material that arrived during my absence I find no such paper, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me another copy. All cost connected therewith I shall be only too glad to pay.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 6, 1933

Shell Eastern Petroleum Products, Inc.
1100 Court Square Building
Baltimore, Md.

Your statement for fuel oil delivered in November (Nov. 7, 17, and 28) amounting to $37.13, was received today.

I paid this bill by check on the National Metropolitan Bank on November 29. This doubtless did not reach you before your statement was sent. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will kindly receipt the enclosed statement and return to me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 7, 1933

Auditor,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th instant (signed by B. Harrison, Property Survey Officer, D. C.) in relation to the rebate for taxes paid by me on Caroline Street in the spring of 1929.

In compliance with your request my original check (dated April 30, 1929) to the Collector of Taxes, D. C., for $113.43, is enclosed herewith.

I have made affidavit as requested on the blank you were kind enough to enclose and am returning same herewith.

Shall appreciate receipt of check for the amount mentioned, $106.19.

C. Hart Merriam.

M:S

December 13, 1933

Doubleday, Doran and Co.
Garden City, N. Y.

Enclosed is my check for $15.00, on the National Metropolitan bank of Washington, for which please send Ann Axtell Morris' book entitled "Digging in the Southwest" to the six following addresses:

Dr. G. C. Birdsall
1832 Kalarama Road
Washington, D. C.

Dr. H. H. Hazen
1911 R Street,
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Sterling Bunnell
Physicians Building
Sutter Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Zenaida Talbot
2590 Cedar Street
Berkeley, Calif.

Dr. Bruce Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, Calif.

C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth St.
Washington, D. C.

Please include one of the enclosed cards in each book.

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 18, 1933

Cashier
Crocker National Bank
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D. C. for $100.00, which please place to the credit of my account in your bank.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 19, 1933

Dr. S. A. Barrett
Milwaukee Public Museum
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Barrett:

The three large and valuable volumes you have been good enough to send me have arrived. They quite overwhelm me. Obviously they are the fruits of the many years you have spent in the field.

To me it is quite amazing that in a single year you have been able to bring out such a surprising flood of results and I congratulate you on living to see in print such a large part of the outcome of your labors.

Your important work on the Pomo has always commanded my respect, for, while we have not always arrived at the same result, your painstaking patience and endeavor to find the truth are obvious.

I have spent more than sixty years in research in zoology, botany, and ethnology, and while I have published a few hundred papers I am now an old man with little prospect of living to see in print more than a few fragments of the results.

In the line of ethnology I have personally collected fairly extensive vocabularies of every known tribe in California and Nevada--about 250 in number. All of these are recorded in the same system and in the English alphabet so they may be

available to ordinary educated people. Some of the tribes as you well know are already extinct; others will soon follow.

In the case of the Pomo, Mewan, and a few other stocks, I have spent several field seasons with each; with others, only time enough to obtain vocabularies, tribal boundries, and a few myths.

Doubtless the substance of a considerable part of my material has been collected by others--though recorded in such specialized alphabets as to be unintelligible to most English-speaking people. But my lists of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, and plants are not likely to be duplicated since no other worker in these fields has had the training necessary for the accurate identification of the species. I have been particular also to record the name and home locality of the individual Indians from whom the material was obtained.

Very truly yours.

M:S

December 19, 1933

E. W. Lindstrom
Secretary, American
Society of Naturalists
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

Dear Mr. Lindstrom:

Thanks for your kindly and urgent letter in regard to the coming meeting of the American Society of Naturalists. I regret that owing to age and the infirmities that go with it I am not able to attend.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 19, 1933

Editors, Biological Society
Washington, D. C.

For many years I have been filing under the proper systematic headings, the Separates published by the Society. And for several years I have been deeply impressed by the waste of time required to place each Separate in the file to which it belongs.

Why not require authors to furnish titles that will give at least some inkling as to the division of the animal or vegetable kingdom to which their contributions relate?

For instance, in a batch of Proceedings recently awaiting attention are the following titles:

"A New Species of Peltostigma from Mexico."
"A Second Species of Ormoloma."
"A New Species of Rajania from Cuba."
"Two New Species of Hiraea from Colombia."
"A New Mutisia from Peru."

Though doubtless prenaturally stupid, I nevertheless beg to ask why it is necessary to force a busy man to read part of an article in which he has no interest, in order to find out whether it relates to plant or animal, and then (in either case) to learn what major division it should be filed under?

Do you not realize that you are inflicting very busy people with a lot of unnecessary drugery? Why not put it up to the author?

Very truly yours,

M:S

December 20, 1933

Dr. E. W. Gifford
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Gifford:

A newspaper, The Oroville Register of December 2, contains an article entitled "An Ancient Indian Mill" with an attractive picture of a lot of mortar holes on a big flat rock along with some baskets and three Indian women.

The only information given as to the source of the illustration is that it is the reproduction of a painting "obtained by a Mrs. Drobish through the assistance of Doctor Gifford of the Department of Anthropology."

Is this picture in the University, and if so may I have the privilege of having it photographed at my expense?

Was sorry not to be able to see you last season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 22, 1933

Mr. Warren Hastings Miller
La Canada, Calif.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Your letter of the 16th instant has just arrived. I remember you very well, and regret that you like so many other good men have been handicapped by the present depression.

You address me as Chief Biological Survey, a branch of the Government from which I resigned twenty-three years ago. Since then I have been working chiefly in ethnology under a special grant in the Smithsonian Institution. My work for many years has been mainly with Indians of California and Nevada.

Thirty-three or thirty-four years ago I purchased a forest tract in Marin County, 25 miles north of San Francisco, where I built a home which is my headquarters for about half of each year. It is the base from which I visit Indians in all parts of California, Nevada, and Southern Utah.

Regretting that I am not in a position to help you and trusting that you will soon land something to your taste,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 22, 1933

Mr. Charles G. Thomson
Supt. Yosemite National Park

Dear Mr. Thomson:

The December number of Yosemite Nature Notes contains an account of the transfer of the Yosemite herd of Valley Elk to Owens Valley. Assuming that you are interested in the history of this Elk I am enclosing a copy of my original description of the species, published in 1905, and also an article on the capture of a few of these elk on the Buttonwillow Ranch in 1904.

The December number of Nature Notes contains also an important article by M. E. Beatty on a Mountain Sheep found in Lyell Glacier. This is a very important find, and I am wondering if it would be asking too much to request another copy of the December issue of Yosemite Notes, and also a print of the photograph of this sheep published on page 110, the print as published being too indistinct to show the form of the skull.

This ancient Mountain ram is of high value to students and I trust that the remains have been preserved with great care. May I suggest that they should be sent to either the U. S. Biological Survey at Washington, or to Dr. Joseph Grinnell, Department of Zoology, University of California?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

December 22, 1933

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Doctor Abbot:

The paper you gave me on "Sun Spots and Weather" I have read with much interest and satisfaction. The curious thing about it is that in reading it I felt that I had read it before. At all events I have been well aware of your important contributions on sun spots, but may have confused some of your results with the tree ring cycles worked out by Prof. A. E. Douglass of Flagstaff, Arizona.

With congratulations on your important discoveries,

Very truly yours,

M:S

December 22, 1933

Mr. E. A. Preble
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Preble:

Enclosed is a photograph of the head of a cow moose which according to my unreliable memory was made in Alaska by Osgood. My recollection is that it was published in one of Sheldon's books, but failing to find it I am asking you what you know about it.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

M:S

Dr. Alexander Wetmore
Director, U. S. Nat. Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Wetmore:

If practicable please send me a copy (unbound if at hand) of the Annual Report of the National Museum for the year 1900.

January 2, 1934

Field Museum Natural History
Chicago, Ill.

Enclosed find $1, for which please send me four copies of your interesting little pamphlet, "Races of Mankind."

Respectfully,

M:S

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Expense account for December, 1933

1933				Subvouchers	
Dec. 4	Paper cement "Best-Test" (.45 & .25 & .25)				95
	Erasers (3)				25
6	3 Shades for Office Windows			1	3 30
11	1 Typewriter ribbon (black record)			2	1 25
20	1 Coupon Book for 6 Typewriter ribbons			3	5 00
26	Carbon paper (1 doz. sheets)				60
	100 Manila envelopes				50
	1 Spool Dennison's Scotch tape				25
27	Andrews Paper Co.: 2 Field Notebooks			4	3 00
28	Sharpening shears				25
	McCracken, "Alaska Bear Trails"				1 10
	Digby, "The Mammoth"				90
	Holland, "The Butterfly Book"				1 98
	Ann A. Morris, "Digging in the Southwest"				2 50
	Stamped envelopes and postage for Dec.				2 32
	Allen's Press Clippings for Dec.			5	3 00
	Edith Strothers, cleaning office quarters, Dec.				4 00
	Gas for Dec.	7.00	1/3	6	2 33
	Electric current for Dec.	5.32	1/3	7	1 77
	Telephone for Dec.	6.00	1/3	8	2 00
	Shell Oil for Dec.	25.38	1/3		8 46
	Streetcars, bus and taxi fares for Dec.				2 20
	Can. Field Naturalist for 1934				2 00
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C. Hart Merriam

Ruby B. Schofield

31 Westmoreland Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

1933		
Dec. 1-31	Services as stenographer-assistant for December	100 00
		100 00

One Hundred - - - - - - - - - - no - - - - - - - - -

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Ruby B. Schofield

January 4, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of December, amounting to $49.91, and also December bills for Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield, stenographer, $100, and Columbia Planograph Co. for planographing and printing 150 copies (34 pages each) of Comparative Vocabularies of Indian languages, $175.10, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 4, 1934

Cosmos Club
Washington, D. C.

I herewith resign from the Cosmos Club, of which I have been a member continuously for more than 46 years.

For the past 15 or 20 years, possibly longer, I have not used the Club, going there only two or three times a year to call on some one. Twenty-five dollars a year for an imaginary privilege is beyond common sense; wherefore I tender my resignation.

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 4, 1934

Mr. Harry S. Allen
Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
Commerical Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

It being Christmas time and your army of girls probably in a happy frame of mind, I am wondering if you will ask them if in trimming Indian clippings they will be a little more careful.

For a long time many of your clipping headings at the top of the clippings have been pasted more or less sideways so that they project from the northwest corner, making it necessary to cut or soak them off and repaste before they are fit to go into the file cases. This trouble has continued for several years, but a new and possibly worse one has recently developed, namely, the cutting into the right side of the clipping so that the words on that side lack several of the terminal letters.

Inasmuch as the selected clippings are to remain permanently in the Smithsonian files, a little more care in their preparation would be appreciated.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Allen and yourself,

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 5, 1934

Mrs. Georgia Davis Fiske
Boonville, New York

Dear Mrs. Fiske:

Thanks for your letter of December 23, which calls up many memories of my old home in northern New York. It is seldom that I meet anyone nowadays who knows anything about our home country overlooking the Adirondacks, and still more rarely that I hear from anyone who has visited my father's place and my old museum at Locust Grove. Your letter therefore calls up many interesting memories.

Some of the beautiful old paintings you mention are in my house here in Washington; others in the homes of my two daughters, one in Cambridge, Mass., the other in Berkeley, Calif.

It was kind of you to write me recalling memories of persons and events long since past. Although I still take the Boonville Herald (but don't often read it) I didn't know that Garry Willard had died.

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 5, 1934

Dr. John E. Guberlet
Treas. Pac. NW Bird & Mammal Soc.
Box 103, University Station
Seattle, Washington

My dear Sir:

Herewith I am inclosing check on the Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco for $11, ten of which is for Sustaining Membership for the year 1934, and one for two copies of the forthcoming Checklist of the Birds of Washington.

With best wishes for the continued success of the Society,

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 9, 1934

Dauber & Pine Bookshops
66 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for Booklist just received. From it please send me with bill for same:

Newcomb, Rexford. The Old Mission Churches and Historic Houses of California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 9, 1934

Mr. C. G. Thomson, Superintendent
Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Dear Mr. Thomson:

Many thanks for your letter of December 29 with the two extra copies of the November issue of Yosemite Nature Notes, and also particularly for the excellent photographs you were good enough to enclose of the Mountain Ram in situ on the melting glacier. These show many things not observable from the printed cut.

I am greatly pleased to know that your Mr. Borrel has taken the carcass to Dr. Joseph Grinnell of the University of California where I trust it will be permanently preserved.

Your method of handling and transporting elk is certainly a vast improvement over that used for the first bunch, captured at Buttonwillow.

With best wishes and thanks for your courtesy,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 9, 1934

Mr. Claude W. Hibbard
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hibbard:

Very many thanks for your Revised Check List of Kansas Mammals just received. You certainly have done a service to mammalogy in publishing this important and carefully prepared paper.

It interests me to note the emphasis you put on the type locality. When I began working on mammals the term "type locality" was utterly unknown; and when working on specimens in the National Museum nearly 50 years ago, I found hundreds (if not thousands) of spread eagle skins of our small mammals chucked promiscuously on top of one another in deep drawers so that legs and tails were often missing--and in some cases the label was attached to the missing part. Naturally, the types were not designated. A little later, when I introduced the term "type locality" I was criticized as "finicking."

Whenever practicable I file Mammal and Indian papers in two separate files--Subject and Author. Therefore I should appreciate the favor if you will kindly send me two additional copies of your important Check List.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

M:S

C. Hart Merriam

January 16, 1934

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Your letter of the 15th instant is a great surprise. It is another evidence of your perseverance and success in finding new and important adventures for the Society.

You have been fortunate in obtaining the enthusiastic support of experts in aerial work and I heartily approve the plan of the proposed flight of Captain Albert Stevens and Major William Kepner, as outlined in your letter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:R

January 15, 1934

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th instant, just received. I am very glad to know that you have cut the ferns and burned the brush on my place, for which I am enclosing herewith my check on the Crocker Bank for $17.

We have had very little snow this winter but plenty of rain, and hope to see you all again early in the spring.

Dorothy with her husband, Henry Abbot, and children, drove from Boston and spent Xmas week with us.

Please tell Alvin that I was glad to have his letter and am pleased that he likes the pictures.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 16, 1934

Miss Alice W. Barlow, Librarian
San Diego Scientific Library
Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif.

Dear Miss Barlow:

Since receipt of your letter of December 11 I have made unsuccessful inquiries in regard to the publication to which you refer, on the "co-extension of certain plants and animals with abrigines." I am still hunting and if successful will let you know.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 15, 1934

Dr. A. Wetmore, Asst. Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Wetmore:

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th instant, followed by the copy you kindly sent me of the Museum Report for 1900. I am very glad to have this and appreciate your courtesy in the matter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 15, 1934

Mr. D. L. Hazard, Secretary
Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hazard:

Your letter of the 10th instant is at hand. Please present my appreciative regards to the Board of Managers for their courtesy in relieving me of further payment of dues instead of accepting my resignation.

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 15, 1934

Dr. E. W. Gifford
Museum of Anthropology
University of California

Dear Doctor Gifford:

Very many thanks for your trouble in locating the picture recently reproduced in the Oroville Register, which as you kindly tell me was originally published in the Annual Report of the National Museum for 1900--the joke is on me.

On returning to California in the spring or early summer I hope to accept your invitation to call on you in your museum. I had hoped to do this last year but failed.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 17, 1934

Santa Barbara Museum Nat. History
Santa Barbara, Calif.

From the last number of Nature Magazine I find to my great joy that H. H. Sheldon's book on The Deer of California has been published.

My check for $3 for two copies is enclosed herewith, and I shall be obliged if you will send them to me at 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 18, 1934

Mr. Alvin Martinelli
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Alvin:

Your letter of December 27 came promptly and Mrs. Merriam and I were glad to hear from you.

I have been wondering if you have found out anything more about the stone head carved on the face of one of the cliffs facing Limantour Bay. When convenient I should be glad to know the name of the owner of the land in question; also whether he lives there or somewhere else.

Hoping you are having plenty of rain this winter, and with best wishes to all of your family.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 18, 1934

Dr. W. D. Strong
Care J. P. Stevens
Associated Oil Company
Fellows, California

Dear Doctor Strong:

An article from the Fresno Bee and Republican of January 8 entitled "The Tulamniu Relics" interests me greatly. It shows where you are and that you have already accomplished a fine piece of work at the old Rancheria site. This I am very glad to learn.

One thing you mention seems to require confirmation, namely, the identification of posts as Redwood. The extreme southern limit of the Redwood, if I am correctly informed, is in the Coast Strip of southern Monterey County. Buena Vista Lake would necessitate a long, difficult, and apparently impossible journey of more than a hundred miles.

Mrs. Merriam and I received a Christmas card from your good wife, and would have acknowledged the same had we known her address. If you are in California in April we should be most happy to see you both.

With best wishes and kindest regards to you both,

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 18, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Very many thanks for your promptness in sending me the annual statement of receipts and disbursements under the Harriman Trust Fund for year ending December 31, 1933, this morning received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 18, 1934

Mr. J. D. Figgins
Colorado Museum Nat. History
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Figgins:

Your important paper entitled "The Bison of the Western Area of the Mississippi Basin" arrived in this morning's mail, for which I am very much obliged. I shall be still further obliged if you can spare me two more copies for my files.

I congratulate you on having secured enough of this material to admit of the preparation of so important a paper. Vernon Bailey and I have long felt that our Buffalo were badly in need of critical study and revision, but the material at our end of the line was too insufficient to admit of satisfactory results.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 18, 1934

Editor Science News Letter
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The last issue of News Letter (January 13) contains a picture of a Buffalo and says "The Bison should not be called a Buffalo." Isn't this a rather arbitrary statement in view of the fact that more than a hundred million people in America call our Buffalo, "Buffalo"? Of course we know that the European Bison or Wisent and other foreign species were called Buffalo, but is this any reason why we should ask good Americans to forsake the name Buffalo so universally and diagnostically applied to our animal?

By the way, how long does it take Science News to correct an error? A year ago this month I wrote you correcting a statement that the groundhog is strictly an American animal, and called your attention to the fact that many more species of groundhog or marmot are known from Europe and Asia than from America. You or some other member of your editorial staff replied that the error would be corrected in the near future. The correction must have been very inconspicuous!

Science News is a very convenient publication, particularly as it gives the reference at the end of each article so it may be cut and pasted "as is." It would be an enormous satisfaction if its innumerable statements could be relied upon as authentic.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

M:S

January 24, 1934

California Academy of Science
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing check for $1, for which kindly send four copies of "Birds and Mammals from the Kootenay Valley, Southeastern British Columbia," by Joseph Mailliard, to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

S

January 29, 1934

Mrs. Aunetta H. Antona
1156 W. Six Mile Road
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Antona:

Your letter of the 15th instant has finally reached me. I regret very much that I am not in a position to help you. I inherited nothing from my father's estate and have always been in very moderate circumstances. And now in my 79th year I am trying to provide for my wife, and so far as practicable for my daughters and their children. One of my sons-in-law has been out of work for two or three years, and his children must eat and go to school.

Your letter shows that you have had a very active and most interesting life. I am pained to know that you like myself have suffered from the results of the general depression.

With best wishes and regrets,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 29, 1934

W. C. Mendenhall
Director U. S. Geol. Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

For the purpose of plotting Indian tribes and villages along a section of Sacramento River I am anxious to obtain a map covering the strip reaching from just below Sacramento north to Nicolaus, and including the flood lands on both sides--parts of American Basin on the east and Sutter Basin on the west. If you have such a map I should be greatly obliged for two or three copies.

I should be thankful also for two copies of the Davisville and Vernon sheets.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 29, 1934

Mr. J. D. Figgins, Director
Colorado Museum Natural History
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Figgins:

Very many thanks for sending me the additional copies of your important paper on the various species living and extinct of our American Buffalo. You have certainly been surprisingly successful in securing so many skulls.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

January 30, 1934

Dear Zenaida:

When we made our glorious trip to the San Antonio and Naciemiento Valleys via King City and Jolon, in the course of which I did some vocabulary work with Tito Ensinales and wife at the base of Santa Lucia Mountain, and with David Mora on the Naciemiento River, we were pressed for time and I was too tired nights to write up my notes properly. The result is an unfortunate confusion. You and Tally will remember.

The first day from King City we drove to Milpitas Valley at the foot of Santa Lucia Mountain, and up the abominably steep twisty and rocky road to the home of Tito Ensinales, near whose place we saw three of the small California mule deer at close quarters. These deer are the Southerly Coast form known as Odocoileus californicus.

Returning to the camp and swimming pool, we started back, and after going a short distance, Tally and I stopped to photograph a row of handsome Bald Domes at the base of which I collected a specimen of the rare manzanita Arctostaphylos pungens. Then: Did we go straight back to King City? Or did we go on the same afternoon to Dave Mora's place on Naciemiento River, or was that the next day? You folks will remember for you had the good fortune to drive up to the top of the ridge from which you looked

down on the ocean, and where Tally collected some highly interesting plants.

We spent two nights at the Camino Real Hotel at King City. But I am sadly confused as to whether we went to Mora's the first day or only on the second. I really don't think we went there twice, so it must have been the second. The first day, we stopped several times to take photographs, so the time would be fairly well accounted for. Please straighten this out for me. In all my half century of field work I don't think I was ever before confused in this way--penalty of too much old age.

Best love to Lincoln and Donald -

Yours [illegible] Dad -

February 1, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of January, amounting to $111.06, and also salary vouchers for Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield for the month of January, $100, and for Miss Stella Randolph, 3½ days, $11.66, all of which please pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Kindly send me some Subvouchers, as I am entirely out.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Expense account for January, 1934

			Subvouchers		
1934					
Jan. 2	Washn Acad. Sciences, Proc. 1934			5	00
5	American Anthropologist for 1934			6	00
	Check List, Birds of Northwest			5	50
8	George A. Simonds, 20 Photo Album Covers			6	00
9	Audubon Soc. Bull.			1	00
	Catlin's "N. Amer. Indians" Colored plates (2 vols.)			12	95
10	Yosemite Nature Notes for 1934 (2 copies)			4	00
	Calif. Historical Soc. Publications for 1934			5	00
15	Newcomb's "Old Missions of California"			4	24
17	Save Redwoods League 1934			2	00
	Sheldon's Deer of California (2 copies)			3	00
18	Tamalpais Bull. for 1934			1	00
	Mailliard's Birds & Mammals of Kootenai				25
25	Natural History (Am. Museum) for 1934			3	00
29	Spiers' Yuman Tribes, Gila River			4	15
	Journal Heredity for 1934			3	00
31	Enlargements from Leica negs. (85 @ 15¢ & 16 @ 10¢)		1	14	35
	Allen's Press Clippings for Jan.		2	3	00
	Edith Strothers, cleaning office quarters, Jan.			4	00
	Stamped Envelopes and Postage			1	80
	Electric current for Jan.	5.96 1/3	3	1	99
	Gas for Jan.	8.09 1/3	4	2	70
	Telephone for Jan.	5.50 1/3	5	1	83
	Shell Oil for January	45.31 1/3		15	10
	Bus fares				20
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C. Hart Merriam

February 5, 1934

Dr. A. K. Fisher

Dear A. K.:

One of the batches of photographs of Humboldt County redwood dugouts I told you about has come to light. I have had the negatives enlarged and am enclosing the prints herewith. Others, and the notes and sketches I made at another place many years ago, I have not yet discovered.

Hope you escaped most of the heavy rains that usually flood the Northwest Coast country in winter.

If you have time when in the Bay region, drop in and see Zenaida--2590 Cedar Street, Berkeley.

As ever yours,

M:S

February 5, 1934

Dr. and Mrs. Walter K. Fisher
Pacific Grove, California

Dear Folks:

Herewith are a couple of enlarged prints of the Leicas I risked on you some months ago. As you see, they are not good, probably because I trembled too much.

A few days before your father set sail for the Northwest Coast he wanted photographs and data concerning the big dugout canoes used by Indians on Klamath River, and also on some of the big Lagoons. Since his departure I have discovered the negatives of those I took at Stone Lagoon, a few miles south of the mouth of Redwood Creek, Humboldt County, in September 1921.

I have others from other places, and also some sketches and descriptions, but thus far have not been able to find them.

Those from Stone Lagoon are enclosed herewith for your father, who I hope will reach you in the near future. All things considered, the time of year he chose for this trip does not altogether appeal to me.

We had a few inches of snow a few days ago, which is still on the ground and banked up along the gutters. Just now it is snowing again.

Love to you all,

M:S

February 6, 1934

Mr. Morris M. Green
39 South Wyoming Avenue
Ardmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Morris Green:

About Christmas time you kindly sent us a pair of friendly squirrels perched on a bit of birch bark--a pretty picture.

Before going to California last April I expected to return the seventeen interesting volumes you loaned me some years ago, entitled Natuurlyke Historie des Konings Kabinet, Door Buffon en Daubenton, 1773-75. At my request Doctor Stejneger came and looked through them with me. But it was then too late to return them before my departure.

I am an old man now and it would relieve my mind if you will kindly give me the address to which I may return them--with many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

It is many years since we met, for I no longer go to meetings--the natural result of ever-increasing pressure of my West Coast material. I have collected vocabularies of every known tribe of California Indians, roughly about 250 in number. Have also taken hundreds of photographs and of course a good deal of natural history material, a small part of which I still hope to live to put in print.

In thinking of you I never forget your threatened attack on the Secretary!

As ever yours,

M:S

February 14, 1934

Dr. W. C. Mendenhall
U. S. Geological Survey

Dear Doctor Mendenhall:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me duplicate copies of the Survey's maps of Sacramento Valley, and particularly for the Bulletin on Ground Water Resources of Sacramento Valley.

For more than forty years I have been engaged in locating and mapping the boundaries of the linguistic stocks and tribes of California and in platting sites of hundreds of their villages. Without the map sheets of the Geological Survey this would have been impossible.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

General Land Office
Dept. of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

M:S

Kindly send me two copies each of the large scale and small scale map of Oregon, for which 60 cents is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

February 16, 1934

Mrs. Wanda Muir Hanna,
Martinez, Calif.

Dear Wanda:

Soon after returning to Washington I told Colonel Lawrence Martin of the Library of Congress that you seemed pleased with the suggestion that the literary and natural history material left by your father, John Muir, be placed in the Library of Congress.

The Librarian of Congress, Mr. Herbert Putnam, wrote me: "I cannot forbear sending you a separate note to tell you how much we appreciate your suggestion to Mrs. Hanna, and our exceeding hope that she may in due course adopt it: for certainly the custody and preservation of them [the Muir manuscripts] here would be to us a high privilege, and we should feel confident of affording them not merely security but distinction and utility."

Now that you and Mr. Hanna have had time to think the matter over, I hope you have decided that the Library of Congress is the best place in the world for the final preservation of the Muir manuscripts.

It was good to see you again, and the members of your family who have arrived since the days of our acquaintance so many years ago.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

February 16. 1934

John J. Cameron, Secretary
U. S. Geographic Board
Library of Congress

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Doubtless I have to thank you for the three copies just received of the Sixth Report of the U. S. Geographic Board, 1890-1932.

I congratulate myself on having lived long enough to see this work in print. The labor of combining in one volume the rulings of the Board for all these years has been a tremendous piece of work, but is amply justified by the usefulness of the volume. To me it is one of the most serviceable books in my library of some thousands of volumes.

If you have copies to spare, please send one each to:

M. W. Talbot, 2590 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California

Dr. Sterling Bunnell, Physicians Bldg., Sutter St., San Francisco

Lyman Merriam, Ossining, New York

Henry D. Abbot, 6 Berkeley Place, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Vernon Bailey, San Marcos, Calif., R. F. D. Route 2, Box 472.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

March 1, 1934

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bunnell:

In all the 49 winters we have spent in Washington we never but twice, if my memory serves (which it don't as a rule), have had so much continuous cold. The snow is still about a foot deep on open lots, and more in the country, and three or four feet along the city curbs. It has been approximately zero nights for some days, but we are hoping for a thaw soon; in fact it seems to be beginning today. It is hard on the birds, but they, like ourselves, haven't yet signed the N. R. A.

How is that splendid boy of yours? He is the handsomest kid I ever saw, and I hope to live long enough to see him when he is two or three years older. It is great to have one's children both husky and handsome. Zenaida's boy also is husky but by no means so good-looking as yours; yet we would like to see his smiling face again and hope to before long. We know you and your good wife are busy and trust you are happy.

Vernon and Florence Bailey are living in their new home in Merriam Valley (otherwise known as Twin Oaks) in Southern California. Vernon is still trying out his non-break-leg traps and among other beasts is catching possums.

We hope to pull out for Lagunitas in about a month or as soon thereafter as possible. With best love to you both,

As ever yours,

M:S

March 2, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of February, amounting to $57.28, and also salary voucher for Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield for February, $100.00, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

Telephone bill not yet received, but we obtained the amount of the bill over the phone.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Expense account for February, 1934

1934						
Feb. 1	150 Manila Envelopes					70
13	1 Electric Lamp					20
17	Science for 1934				6	00
	Scientific Monthly for 1934				5	00
	Literary Digest for 1934				4	00
21	4 Maps of Oregon					60
26	Luxus Laboratories Photo work (& small tripod, $2.50)			1	12	40
	Opal glass for illuminating photos					50
	Electric current for February	5.28	1/3	2	1	76
	Gas for February	9.41	1/3	3	3	13
	Telephone for February	5.90	1/3	4	1	97
	Shell Oil for February	38.02	1/3		12	67
	Allen's Press Clippings for Feb.			5	3	00
	Edith Strothers, cleaning office quarters, Feb.			6	4	00
	Streetcar and bus fares				1	35
					57	28

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C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1934

Dear Mrs. Bunnell:

A couple of days ago I wrote your good husband and now comes your exceedingly interesting letter of February 25.

I am delighted to knew that you two have actually driven to Death Valley and have camped there -- wish I could have been with you.

It interests me to know that you went by way of Kern Valley and Walker Pass -- a route I have taken on horseback, by buggy, and by automobile in successive years. Kern is an interesting valley for several reasons -- scenic, botanical, and anthropological. The river has another fork, the North Kern, which comes down from the mountains on the north and is largely forested, and in addition grows interesting and rare types of brush.

So the Doctor renewed his youth by trapping Kangaroo Rats and Pocket Mice! I did this with much enthusiasm many years ago.

Evidently you did not take that splendid

boy with you, as he is a little too young to appreciate scenery, and the matter of food is rather severe on youngsters.

We are expecting to start for California in a month. I have a little work to do at Yuma, but hope to arrive at Lagunitas by or before the 10th of May.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you both.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam -
&
Mrs. Em.
Elizabeth -

Mrs. Sterling Bunnell,
San Francisco, California.

March 3, 1934

Dear Talbot:

Thanks for your letter of February 25.

We are delighted to know that your proposed experimental range area in the foothills of Maderia county has been approved by the powers that be. This will keep you busy for a while, and I suspect, keep you away from your work in the Pit River country. You must take me to see your 3500 acre job when my high pressure job lets up a little.

Also thanks to both of you for the plan you suggest for the coming season. It certainly has advantages as well as some disadvantages. We have it under ernest consideration.

Our snow is melting rapidly except along the curbs, where it is still piled high -- often to a depth of 3 or 4 feet.

Tell that husky boy of yours that we are glad he has been to Lagunitas and we hope to look him over and take him back there in about a month.

With best love to you both,

Mr. W. W.
M. Talbot,
Berkeley, C

March 5, 1934

Mr. Walter Gore or
Mr. Roy Yager
La Pine, Oregon

Dear Sir:

A newspaper clipping received this morning states that you killed one of the Lava Bed Bears a short time ago and that it weighed only 39 pounds. Did you save the skin and skull? If you did I should be glad to purchase them from you and am willing to pay as much as $30.00 for them. I have one specimen of this bear but it was not fully adult.

Awaiting your reply.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

March 5, 1934

Mr. W. R. George
64 Macondray St.
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 26th has just arrived. In accordance with your request I have forwarded to Henry Abbott, 6 Berkeley Place, Cambridge, Mass. the letter you enclosed.

The delay of a few days was caused by the fact that your letter was addressed to John C. Merriam, Carnegie Institution, and it was forwarded to me.

Yours very truly,
C. Hart Merriam -

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March 6, 1934

Mr. John Collier
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Collier:

You certainly are a courageous man to undertake at one fell swoop the reorganization of the whole series of laws covering the Indian Service!

Your new bill, H.R.-7902 reached me Saturday night. I have read it with much interest and feel sure that you will welcome my comments thereon.

Taking items page by page:

Pages 13 and 14, Section 8:

Is not this matter much too detailed, too difficult to accomplish, involving too much regulation, and in large part unnecessary?

Page 15, Section 8 b, Line 11:

Is not the requirement for a "bonded disbursing agent" something rather difficult for an Indian to accomplish?

Page 16 (e) lines 9-10:

Are not the words "previously, to the Secretary" out of place?

Pages 18-19, Section 12 b:

Provides that charters may be issued to Indians who were "on or about February 1, 1934, actually residing within the present boundaries of any Indian Reservation". This is not clear to me. Some of the best men of a tribe -- including the Chief -- may have acquired property and be living in homes of their own on land outside of the limits of the reservation and still be the choice of their people. Would you refuse such men a "charter"?

Page 22, Section 1:

The Commissioner is directed to provide for training Indians for widely unrelated services, such as education, public health, law and order, forest management, grazing, keeping accounts, statistical records, construction and maintenance of buildings and public works.

Theoretically this may be fine, but as a practical matter how can any reservation have teachers qualified to train Indians in all these varied lines of Service? Wouldn't this require a college staff?

Page 24, Section 2:

Similarily, isn't it asking a good deal of the Commissioner to direct him "to prepare curricula" for

"courses in Indian history, Indian arts and crafts, social and economic problems of Indians, and the history and problems of Indian administration"?? And isn't it equally certain, as in the requirements specified on Page 22, that the thing simply couldn't be done?

Page 25, Section 1:

Of course it is highly important "to safeguard Indian lands against alienation," but isn't it a much bigger job to protect these lands against "physical deterioration"?

Page 25, Section 2, and Page 33, Section 11:

Is it quite fair to require that no land, tribal or other "shall be allotted in severalty to any Indian"? Of course we are bitterly opposed to the old "allotment system". Nevertheless, instances occur where an Indian has already built a home but is unwilling to build a better one or undertake improvements unless certain of perpetuity of his claim.

Page 26, Lines 10-15:

Why should lands "not [now] needed by the Indians" be open to sale, settlement or entry. Why not leave something for the future?

Pages 27-28, Section 6:

The Secretary is not only authorized but is directed to classify land areas, to make maps and surveys, "to investigate Indian aptitudes and needs in agricultural and industrial arts, in political and social affairs and in education" and so on. How many years and how much money will this investigation require?

Inheritance of Property

Page 33, Section 11, Lines 1-3 recite that: On the death of a person -- "All rights of exclusive occupancy of, and all physical improvements lawfully erected on, tribal or community lands, shall descend according to rules of descent and distribution -- ".

Is this -- or is it not -- contradicted by Lines 17-22 of the same page, which read: On death of the Indian, "all right, interest, and title, in restricted allotted lands, but not including any proportinate interest acquired pursuant to Section 8 ---- shall pass to the chartered community within whose territorial limits such lands are located" -- thus disinheriting a man's children.

Page 31, Section 8, Line 19: This appears to be somewhat ambiguous. It states, "A member's proportionate

interest may descend to the heirs of such member but not to any non-member". The important question as to whether a Reservation Indian can or can't legally bequeath his home to his heirs seems thus to be left in the air.

Indians have complained most bitterly against this law, and more than one has told me that the reason he would not build a better house or make permanent improvements was that on his death his home would be given to someone else, thus leaving his wife and children homeless. From my point of view this is most vital.

General Remarks

Practically everything in the new law seems to be aimed at Reservation Indians. I fail to find much of promise for Non-reservation Indians -- and as you know, most of those in northern and middle California are free from Reservation restrictions.

Are you not asking too much in the way of reports? May this not offset the independence you are striving for? Many of the new provisions would be difficult if not impossible of accomplishment, and some would necessitate technical investigations requiring years of research. In my judgment the bill is much too long, too technical, and goes into far too many details.

Isn't the oft repeated expression "Rules and Regulations" obnoxiously prominent? Since Indians like ourselves are now free citizens and therefore subject to the same laws as ourselves, why so much special government? Why so many "Rules and Regulations"? Why hold a club over their heads? To me many things in this bill look like the tyranny of the old Indian Office -- a tyranny that you and I used to fight against. I realize that in drawing this law you had no such attitude -- but nevertheless it reads that way to me.

My general feeling after reading the bill several times is that, in additon to its length it is much too detailed, necessitating frequent changes as time goes on; that it tends to heighten the distinction between Indians and Whites to the disadvantage of the Indian; and that it fails to look forward to the day -- distant tho it may be -- when our Indians will inevitably become merged with the White population

The new legislation you have provided under the heading "Court of Indian Affairs" not only reverses the former tyrannical and often actually brutal control by the old Indian Office but inaugurates a new era -- by far the most humane and farreaching step yet proposed for the benefit and advancement of our Indians.

Another excellent feature is the one providing for the transfer of offensive Federal employees.

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Your most overwhelmingly splendid achievement is the bold stand you have taken toward the eventual relinquishment to the Indians of the right of self-government -- far off as this would seem from the innumerable restrictions placed upon them by the present bill.

Trusting that Congress will pass the reformatory legislation needed, and with very best wishes to you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1934

Secretary to Hon. John Collier,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have just mailed to Mr. Collier, addressing him at Sante Fe in accordance with your directions over the telephone, a letter in regard to the Indian Bill H.R. 7902 now before Congress.

I am sending you the enclosed carbon for your files or for Mr. Collier in case any accident befalls the original just sent to him.

Very truly yours,

1 enclosure of
7 pages

March 9, 1934

Hon. Clarence L. Fisher
Lyons Falls, N. Y.

Dear Clarence:

It is good to hear from you after so many years.

But your earnest inquiry in regard to the earmarks of cub black bears amuses me and sets me to wondering whether the New York Legislature hasn't anything better to do than waste time and mental tissue on such foolish things as laws to protect cub bears.

Of course I may be mistaken, for it is possible that during the half century since I visited the Adirondacks, baby bears and other animals may have changed their habits.

As you know, I have spent a large part of my life in the so-called wildest parts of most of the great forests of the United States, and also in various parts of Canada, British Columbia, and Alaska. During all this period of rather intimate acquaintance with forests and forest animals I have seen exactly one wild cub bear, and the only reason I was able to see this one was that it had lost its mother and was rushing wildly through the woods making a great outcry and obviously very hungry.

From personal experience I think it would be safe to say that out of every four or five hundred hunters, possibly one might have the good luck to stumble on a cub bear.

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Really, can't the New York State Legislature find enough real work to do to keep out of such frivolity? A law to protect the motherless babes of New York would be vastly preferable.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

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March 9, 1934

Secretary
University Club
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to an undated card inviting me to accept nomination for membership in the University Club of Washington, would say that I never have been a club man, and although for many years a member of the Cosmos Club of this City I practically never go there. While appreciating this nomination, I respectfully decline.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

M:S

March 20, 1934

Mr. George W. White, President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Very many thanks for your statement of March 14 in regard to the expired Kerlin Loan.

You have made the matter very clear, which I appreciate.

Very truly yours,

M:S

March 20, 1934

Dear Doctor Bunnell:

Thanks for your surprise--"Beauty of Flight." It's a great book and one that I had never even heard of--result of too much concentration on other lines.

The pictures are most instructive, many of them stunning--and the clouds both glorious and horrible--and all wonderful. What a help they must be to the meteorologist!

What a catch that waterspout was (65), and how beautiful the three smoke screens (64). I never dreamed that smoke could be so pure and white--so lovely.

On the other hand, what a dreadful place New York has grown to be--almost as bad as a cave. Can't find any of the streets I used to know or even the site of the old College of Physicians and Surgeons.

It's snowing again this evening--we're tired of it.

Best love to you both, including that handsome and kindly boy, from both of us.

M:S

March 23, 1934

Mr. Jay N. Darling
Chief U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Darling:

Your letter of yesterday gives me the first real ground for hope for the Biological Survey that I have had in many a long weary day.

To me the Biological Survey, except for a vacant name, has already ceased to exist.

As you doubtless know, the Survey has degenerated into a Bureau whose principal business seems to be aimed at the destruction of a considerable part of our mammal fauna. And because of the mental alertness or the excessive rate of reproduction of the various depredators, the efforts toward their extermination seem likely to go on forever.

It goes without saying that I shall be most happy to meet you and do anything in my power to help save the day for the Survey. If you desire I will call on you at the Survey, but it would give me more pleasure to see you at my home, 1919 Sixteenth Street, any afternoon or evening that might suit your convenience.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

M:S

March 27, 1934

Mr. Jay N. Darling
Chief U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Darling:

When I wrote you a few days ago I forgot to mention that I am expecting to leave Washington in a few days for California, where I expect to be engaged in field work for the next six months. I am most anxious to see you and hope you may be able to come before I leave.

Regretting that the time is so short, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

M:S

March 24, 1934

Dr Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr Grosvenor:

Replying to your invitation of the 22d inst., Mrs Merriam and I shall be very glad to be present at 4 P.M. on Saturday March 31 in the Reception Room of the National Geographic Society to witness the award of the Hubbard Medal to Mrs Anne Lindberg.

It goes without saying that both Mrs Merriam and I are devoted admirers of Col Lindberg and his wonderful wife.

Very truly yours,

March 26, 1934

Mr. James Silver
U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Silver:

Thanks for your kind invitation to attend the Fifth Annual Reception of the Survey on April 4. This will be impracticable, as Mrs. Merriam and I expect to be on our way to California at that time.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, and with best wishes for the Survey under the guidance of your new Chief, Mr. J. N. Darling,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

April 2, 1934

Cashier
Crocker First National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D.C. for $500, which kindly deposit to my account in the Crocker Bank.

Kindly send receipt to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, as I expect to leave Washington for California in a few days.

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

April 3, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of March amounting to $68.63; also salary vouchers for two stenographer-assistants, Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield $100, and Miss Helen M. Howes $93.33; also voucher for The Columbia Planograph Company $164.80 for printing 150 copies Comparative Vocabularies, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I am trying to finish up work here and close the house in order to reach Southern California before the heat is too great. Expect to get off in about a week.

With best wishes, and thanks for your kind attentions,

Very truly yours,

M:S

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

1934						
March	1	Bull. Western Soc. Naturalists for 1934				2 00
		Calif. State Historical Society for 1934				3 00
	3	New York Zoological Soc. Bull. for 1934				1 50
	8	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau for March			1	3 00
	14	American Folk Lore Soc. Memoirs for 1934				6 50
	19	1 sheet Opal Glass				15
	26	Stamped Envelopes				82
	31	Luxus Laboratories, Photo work			2	13 15
		Byron S. Adams, printing titlepage for Animal & Plant Vocabularies			3	6 75
		Paper Towels for Office				1 80
		Electric Current for March	5.08	1/3	4	1 69
		Gas for March	8.40	1/3	5	2 80
		Telephone for March	5.50	1/3	6	1 83
		Shell Oil for March	38.07	1/3		12 69
		Edith Strothers, cleaning office quarters, March			7	4 00
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April 3, 1934

Mr. P. Gehan, Postmaster
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Gehan:

We are about closing our house here and setting out for California, so kindly hold all of our mail until our arrival.

Trusting you have had a good winter,

Very truly yours,

M:S

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24 West 45th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

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April 6, 1934

Chief, Map Room
U.S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday you were good enough to send me a copy of the Ostrom Map Sheet, for which I am obliged.

Adjoining this on the north is the Yuba City quadrangle (not the Marysville Sheet, which has Yuba City and Marysville in the southeast part and does not fit the Ostrom Sheet).

I am anxious to have the series of Sacramento River maps up to Yuba-Marysville on the same scale.

If you will be good enough to send me, by bearer, the Yuba City Sheet, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:HH

April 8, 1934

Morris M. Green
Ardmore, Pa.

Dear Morris Green:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of February 21. I have been exceedingly busy and not very well.

The set of 17 splendid volumes of Natuurlyke Historie des Konings Kabinet, Door Buffon en Daubenton, 1773-75, which you kindly loaned me several years ago, I have just sent to the National Museum Library, thinking it might be the place where they would do the most good.

You did wisely, I think, in giving your mammal collection (exclusive of Shrews) to the Museum of the University of California, through Joseph Grinnell. They will be a most valuable contribution to the enormous collection of mammals already there, and I look forward to seeing some of them in the not distant future.

It is a blessed experience to know that you have caught and prepared some 50 specimens of Synaptomys of the three species S. cooperi, S. fatuus of Bangs, and S. helaletes. You certainly have caught on to the right way to trap these interesting little beasts.

M. M. G. 2

Your monumental collection of shrews I had already known about.

What a marvelous growth mammal collecting has undergone since the days we began this work!

Now that you have given your mammal collection to the University of California, perhaps you will take a trip out that way to see how they look in their new quarters. When you do, please notify me in advance so that I may be sure to have the pleasure of bringing you out to our home among the Redwoods of Lagunitas, less than two hours' drive from Berkeley University.

You talk as though you were beginning to be an old man at only 64. I am 15 years beyond that, but have to admit that I am no longer young.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

April 7, 1934

Dr. Charles G. Abbot
Secretary Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Sometime ago Morris M. Green, an enterprising naturalist formerly one of my associates, loaned me his splendid series of Buffon's Natural History--the revised edition by Daubenton dated 1773-75. It consists of 17 quarto volumes, well illustrated, and in the fine old original bindings. They are profusely annotated by some old naturalist, the annotations carefully written on the flypages.

On attempting to return them, Morris Green wrote me to give them to some institution where they would be appreciated. So I phoned Dr. Wetmore and he sent for them and they are now in the National Museum Library.

Perhaps you will send a brief note of acknowledgment to Morris M. Green, whose address is Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

March 9, 1934

AAA.
Mr. J. D. Steele
San Raphel, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of April 2, concerning my Ford Sedan. Am obliged for the application blank for current year and have just filled the same and am inclosing it herewith.

I note that the amount is $31.79 and that you are holding a refund for 90 cents, making the net amount $30.89, for which my check on the Crocker Bank is inclosed herewith.

Am starting back to California this week.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

M:S

April 12, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed please find vouchers for services of two stenographers, Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield, April 1-12, $40.00, and Miss Helen M. Howes, April 1-7, $23.33, both at the rate of $100.00 a month. Please pay these as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I am leaving today for California.

Very truly yours,
E. Hart Harriman

M:S

Best wishes for success and appreciation thanks for very attention — Ohm

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April 22, 1934

Mr Ray Yager
La Pine, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of March 16. Pardon my delay in replying, but I have been on the go and now am at my summer headquarters in Califprnia, as above.

I am glad to have the photos you sent of the little Bear. She seems to have a very sharp nose and appears to be in such excellent health that I fear she will live to enjoy her present quarters and friends for many days to come. But should she change her mind, the proper treatment would beto:

Slit up the belly all the way and skin out, leaving the bones of the legs in place(after removing the flesh). Clean the skin of all flesh and fat, and rub in salt. Then, after a few hours, fold the skin and lay it aside where the air may get at it--but no cats, rats, or dogs.

Clean the skull, but take great care not to cut off any part of it. Take out all the brains through the natural hole where it joins the back bone. This is done usually by means of a wire looped at the end.

DONT PUT ANY SALT ON THE SKULL, for salt eats the tender bones. Just dry the skull naturally in the air--but NOT IN THE SUN. And keep it away from dogs cats and other evil disposed critters.

In a few days--say a couple of weeks--wrap the dry skull in paper and the skin in another paper, and then put the two in a good box and ship by express, charges collect, addressed to me at San Rafael, Calif. There is no express office at Lagunitas. Drop me a line to Lagunitas so I will be on the lookout for it.

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Very truly yours,

April 22, 1934

Mr Lyon de Camp
Thendara, N. Y.

Dear Lyon:

You put off writing just about 24 hours too long and I fear it is now too late.

Since I became "AN OLD MAN" and suffered a failing of memory, I have lost track of the standards of the various reservations and parks, but the way the thing strikes me is this:

> There is no area between the Great Smokies and Canada that compares with the Adirondacks in natural features such as forests, lakes and mountains. For health, recreation, hunting and fishing it measures big. That it should be preserved for future generations seems to go without saying.

If details are wanted, no one is better qualified than yourself to furnish them.

Elizabeth joins in best.

As ever yours,

Chas. Harrison

April 22, 1934

Mr Sydney S. Clark
Bank America Bldg.
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Sydney Clark:

Your kindly letter of the 11th inst.,sent to Washington, reached us last evening.

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With best to you all,

May, 1, 1934

James Willard Schultz
669 Sixtieth Street
Oakland, California

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May 6, 1934

Mr Edw. H. Grove
Water Registrar
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Arriving here after some field work in Southern California I find your letter enclosing bill of $15.75 for water supposed to have been used at my Washington house, 1919 Sixteenth Street.

Permit me to call attention to the fact that for about fifty years I have been engaged in Government field work in California--Biological Survey and Smithsonian Inst. This work has kept me in the far west during the summer season, usually for six or seven months, during which the house has been closed and the water turned off. No water has been used on the lawn, and in the house only the small amount required by Mrs Merriam and myself in winter.

Several years ago the Water Registrar told me the bill he had sent was an error and that there was no charge against me.

In view of these facts, am I still liable for water not used?

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam.

[illegible]

May 5, 1934

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my Expense Account for month of April, amounting to $402.63 (if I have added correctly) which kindly pay from the Harriman fund.

Since arriving in California I have made only one field trip, but am expecting to start off again soon. It's cold here at Lagunitas, but as an offset we have had good rains and the country is beautiful.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Account for April 1934

Apr	5	Stampt envelopes, stamps, & pkg postage		1 85
	10-12	Street car & Taxi fares		2 20
	12	Edith Strothers, Cleaning Office Apr 1-12		1 60
	12	Florence Johnson, " " & waxing floors		5 00
	12	Boonville Herald to April 1933(Deer & Beaver matter)		2 00
	12	Penn RR: Ret ticket Washn-SanFrancisco		160 60
	12	Drawingroom, DC-SanFrancisco $74.00	Half	37 00
	13-16	Meals en route		11 00
		Porters, DC, Chicago, & San Francisco		1 55
		St Cars & Taxis		1 50
	7	J.L.Macnair: Dead storage on Ford Car, Sept 1933-Apr 7 @ 3.50 18.25; Car grsd 1; Washt&c 3.50; Oil Chd 1.50		24 25
	13	Calif. AAA Car Insurance (Renewal of 1933,784989)		31 79
	16	Ford Agcy Berkeley: Overhauling car &c as per bill		17 36
		Notary fee for Non-use ctf.50; License 1934 $3.		3 50
		County tax 3.73; Hdlight adjst 50; Gas 75.		4 98
	17	Berkeley-San Fran ret42; St cars 20; Leica film		
	18	San Rafael Ferry, Car & self 75; lunch 75		1 50
	20	Expressage Washn-San Rafael on three insured pkgs Vocabularies, Maps, and other manuscripts by Ry Xpress Agcy		22 63
	20	San Geronimo Water Co. Water(bill $12)	1/3	4 00
	20	Allen8s Press Clippings March & April(Indians)		7 04
	23	SanRafael Ferry: Car & self75; StCars & Taxis 2.10; lch 85		3 70

April	23	SP:San Fran.-Los Angeles 18.75;Bedroom 5.46;Porter 25	24 46
	24	Bkfst 1.00; Porter 25; Fare Dos Angeles-Oceanside 1.70	2 95
	25	Pd Santa Rosa Valley Ind 3. lunch 50	3 50
	26	Idyllwild: Dinner, room, and breakfast,self & asst	7 67
	26	Santa Rosa Valley Indian 3; Gas 1.50; Vulc tire 95	5 45
	27	Pd Koopa Indian Woman (vocab work)	3 00
	28	Fare, Oceanside-Los Angeles, 1.70; Supper 1.00	2 70
		Los Angeles, Taxi 50; Bedroom sleeper to San Fran.5.40	5 90
	29	San Fran. Bkfst 1.00; Porter 25; Taxi 50;St cars20	1.95

May 8, 1934

Mr. C. Archer Ellis
161 Gower Street
St. Johns, Newfoundland

Dear friend Ellis:

Your letter of March 30 forwarded from Washington reached me in Southern California where I have been working with Indians. It gave me much joy to hear from you. I well remember the companions you mention on our trip through the ice to the Hooded seals.

If I live a hundred years I could never forget Captain Pike, particularly our return to St. Johns when he paced back and forth on the bridge, guiding the heavily laden Proteus safely to the wharf, and an hour or so later when he filled the big arm chair and received the multitude who came aboard to congratulate him.

While you have been sticking steadily to your business as engineer, I have made several shifts in the way of occupation. In 1885 I gave up the practice of medicine and surgery in northern New York to accept a government position in Washington, where I established a bureau of Ornithology under the Department of Agriculture. I soon

had its name changed to the U. S. Biological Survey, of which I remained chief for 25 years. During this period I conducted explorations in the West, collecting specimens of animals and plants and mapping the areas inhabited by each. In 1910 I resigned from the Department of Agriculture to accept an independent position under the Smithsonian Institution, established under a special fund provided by the late E. H. Harriman, for my work in Natural History and Ethnology.

While still spending the winters in Washington, I am engaged mainly in studying the Indian tribes of the far West, particularly in California and Nevada, and have established a summer home at a little place called Lagunitas in the forests of redwood, madrone and oak in the coast region north of San Francisco--from which I am now writing.

During all these years I have had a pleasant reminder of you in the shape of a set of musk-ox horns from Lady Franklin Bay, which you were generous enough to give me in 1883. They have been admired by many.

I have no sons but have two happily married daughters with families, one living in Boston, the other near us on San Francisco Bay.

While we are of about the same age, I see by your excellent handwriting that your hand is much steadier than mine. Your good letter calls up many pleasant memories.

With kindest regards,
C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1934

Hon. Clarence Fisher
Lyons Falls, New York

Dear Clarence Fisher:

Your letter of March 26 awaited my arrival here at Lagunitas. I did not come from Washington directly here, but went to Southern California where I did some work with two tribes of Indians before turning north to my summer home here at Lagunitas.

Congratulations on your son's wedding.

As to the proposed Cub Bear law: After scanning the various opinions you inclosed I see not so much as the shadow of a reason for changing my opinion on the subject. Of course, I admit that once in a lifetime some hunter has the luck to run across a bear's den with a chance to get the cubs, but this is so rare an event that its effect on the bear population is negligible.

I note that some of the persons quoted speak of "year old cubs". I had no reference to these but only to young cubs, and even if the year old ones were included, how many of these did you or any of your friends ever come across in the forest? To my mind, legislation for the protection of bear cubs might be classed with corresponding legislation for the control of shooting stars.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1934

Mr. Clem Yore
Estes Park, Colorado

My dear Sir:

Your letter reached me on my recent return from work with Indians in Southern California.

I am an old man, nearly 80, and it's out of the question for me to attempt to answer your inquiries about bears.

As to the grizzly population of the United States and Alaska, would say that estimates of this kind are the merest guesswork and to my mind are misleading and reprehensible--for there are no facts on which they may be based.

You ask for a list of my publications. As I have published more than 500 papers this is too big a job for me to undertake.

Regretting my inability to help you out,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 10, 1934

Mr.(Dr. or Prof.) Malcolm D. Brode
Beloit College
Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Brode:

Thanks for your cordial letter that awaited my return from recent work with Indians in Southern California.

I am much surprised to know that you have read my ancient article on Biology in Our Colleges. The main trouble with the classes in "Biology" in most of our colleges is that the teachers know nothing or little of Natural History. Some of them know the common birds--a few the uncommon birds--but how many know anything at all about mammals and reptiles? It's hard for a man to teach what he doesn't know!

Many years ago while working on the birds and small mammals of the west coast country I spent some time with the Makah Indians of Neah Bay, near the mouth of the Strait of Fuca. Inevitably I became interested in the Indian's knowledge and curious ideas about some of the animals; and in subsequent work in Washington, Oregon and California my interest in Indian knowledge and beliefs--

and later in the Indians themselves--became dominant, and has remained so to the present time. Thus the transition of major interests from Natural History to Ethnology were natural and easy.

But the field was too big, for which reason my work became limited to California and bordering parts of Oregon and Nevada. This interest in Indians increased until it came to usurp what I had previously considered my life work--mammals and birds.

Last year I had succeeded in obtaining fairly complete vocabularies, including the names of mammals, birds, reptiles, and common plants, in the languages and dialects of about 150 tribes and their subdivisions. This year I am hoping to check and amplify these vocabularies, including the lists of animal and plant names.

While in the field most of the time, my home-base for about half of each year during the last 20 or more years has been here at Lagunitas (about 25 miles north of San Francisco) where Mrs. Merriam and I would be very glad to see you if you chance to be in this region.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 10, 1934

Mr. John B. Lewis
Amelia Court House
Virginia

Dear Mr. Lewis:

On returning to my summer place here at Lagunitas after some work with Indians in Southern California, I was pleased to find your letter of March 11.

I remember you as one of our field collectors in the Biological Survey about 50 years ago and am pleased to hear from you and to know that you have been so successful in raising a family and continuing your interest in natural history. You certainly had a good teacher when under Dr. A. A. Allen of Cornell.

Your vocation for so many years as in Agricultural Extension work must have been a real help to advanced students and young farmers.

I am still acutely interested in several branches of zoology and botany, but for many years have worked mainly with California Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 10, 1934

Mr. Thomas R. Hanna
Martinez, California

Dear Mr. Hanna:

Your letter of April 8 reached me on my return from field work among some of the Indians of Southern California. I am very glad to hear from you--glad also to know of your discovery of the new trout from Fish Lake Valley.

Whether or not the National Geographic Magazine would be interested in the article you suggest is beyond my ken, as I have not been on the editorial staff of the magazine for many years. I suggest that you address the Editor at Washington, D. C.

It is good to know that Wanda approves the plan of embalming her father's journals and manuscripts in the Congressional Library. It might be well to have this understood during the lifetime of the present Librarian of Congress, Dr. Herbert Putnam. He is much pleased with the prospect. But we have no idea who his successor may be.

Permit me to say "me too" to your feelings as to the Democratic "New Deal".

With kindest regards to Wanda and the rest of your good family,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 10, 1934

Edward Denny & Company
674 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Please send me if you have them, with bill for same, two copies each of the following quadrangles of the U. S. Geological Survey:

San Gorgonio

San Jacinto

Ramona

Cuyamaca

Indio Special

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Read

May 10, 1934

Mrs. Alice Schenck Hicks
429 E. Padre Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

Thanks for your kindly letter of April 27, which reached me on my return from a recent field trip among the Indians of Southern California.

Your uncle, Charles R. Knight, long ago attained highest rank as a painter of mammals and recreator, as well as painter, of the monsters of the past. Mrs. Merriam and I have known and admired him for years, and he and his wife have often been at our Washington home.

Twenty years or more ago I built a summer home here among the redwoods of Lagunitas, which has been and still is my home-base for field work in California.

My sister, Mrs. Vernon Bailey, with her husband, started East a short time ago to attend the meeting of the Mammal Society in New York--an organization of which Vernon Bailey happens to be President.

In case I am in the Santa Barbara region before the first of June, it will give me much pleasure to call on you. Similarly, we should be very glad to see you at our summer home at Lagunitas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

May 28, 1934

Mr. & Mrs. Calistro Tortes
Santa Rosa, Calif.

Dear Friends:

I have bad news to tell you about the photographs. Something happened to the inside works of my camera so that your pictures did not come out well. I am sorry about this but hope to visit you again before leaving California, and will try to get good photographs.

By this same mail I am sending you a copy of the Indian Bill now before Congress. I think you will be interested and pleased to see some of the features the new Commissioner, John Collier, has worked into this Bill.

I hope also that you and your friends will not be deceived by the men who are taking money from you on the pretense that it is to help in obtaining government assistance in Congress.

Since leaving your country I have worked with several tribes near the coast and in the Coast Ranges between Santa Lucia Mountain and Santa Barbara.

During the past week we have had several days of rain here--most unusual for so late in the season.

With best wishes to you all, and hoping to see you later on,

Very truly yours,

May 28, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Thanks for your memorandum and enclosures dated May 14. Will attend to the Leica film item in next account. There are several makes of these films, varying materially in price, so I left the amount blank, expecting to look up the price of that particular batch--and then forgot it.

Have recently returned from a successful trip among the few remaining Indians of the Coast Region between here and Santa Barbara.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

May 31, 1934

Mr. Hart Shultz
Tucson, Arizona (Box 1173)

Dear Hart Shultz:

When your father was here the early part of this month he asked me to write you at Tucson, which I promised to do. But I left on a field trip for Southern California from which I have only recently returned--hence the delay.

It was good to learn of your success as an artist and I hope at some time to see some of your work.

Your father and I have known each other for more than half a century. Once we met on the shore of Fourth Lake in the Adirondacks, when I was carrying a cub black bear I had killed on a nearby mountain. Your father had killed several panthers but no bear, and felt quite indignant that I should have killed one. I pointed out that this was merely a little cub. He replied that "that made no difference"; that it was a bear all the same and he had never killed one.

Now we are both old men and have had varied and very different experiences.

With best wishes for your continued success,

Very truly yours,

A. Hyatt Verrill

June 4, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing expense voucher for the month of May, amounting to $167.64, which kindly pay from the Harriman fund as usual.

The last item, Swenson's bill of $8.72 for photographs, I will forward when his receipt comes back.

On the field trip of May 16 to May 21 inclusive, I was accompanied by an assistant, Harold Swanton. During this trip we had three flat tires that had to be vulcanized. This means that my tires and tubes are all old, for which reason I expect to purchase at least two new ones during the next few days.

Thanks for promptness in sending last check.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Calif.

		Sw'ton's check	
May 4	Sausalito-San Fr.Ferry ret.25;St.cars.30;lunch.70		125
5	San Francisco, breakfast .75		75
	Hotel Pickwick, room	V	250
10	San Rafael: Stationery		90
13	San Rafael-Berkeley Ferry, car & self.85; lunch .60		145
14	Berkeley-San Rafael Ferry(ret)car & self.75;lunch.75		150
15	Sausalito Ferry to S.F.15;St.cars.20;lunch&dinner		175
16	Hotel Pickwick, room 2.50	V	250
	Ret. from SF to Sausalito for car.15;bfkst on boat.75		90
	Sausalito: Car storage and repair fan strap		100
	Golden Gate Ferry,car & Self toSF;60;SFstreetCars.30		90
	Gilroy, lunch,self & asst. 1.27;King City,10gals gas1.45		272
	Atascadero Inn, dinner, self & assnt.		153
17	Atascadero Inn, room, self & assnt.	V	450
	Atascadero, 5 gals gas.73; oil .31; vulc tire .50		154
	En route, bkfst. & lunch, self & assnt.		300
	San Luis Obispo, Motel Inn, dinner-self & assnt.		190
	Toro Creek Indians:Joe Bylon 2.00; woman 1.00		300
18	San Luis Obispo, Motel Inn, room		350
	Motel Inn, bkfst. self & asst 1.;Santa Maria 4 gas.58; lunch .60		218
	Santa Ynez: Chumash woman,Clara Miranda ,vocab.		365
19	Santa Ynez: Chumash woman& girl		325
	Lunch 18th & 19th @ .50		100
20	Santa Ynez ,another tire vulcanized		75

May 20	Mattei's Tavern,room&meals:DinnerMay 18-Bkfst May 20	V	18 20
	Another tire vulcanized .50; Gaviota 7 gals gas 1.02		1 52
	Ventura, 4 gals gas.58;oil.31; tire repair.55		1 44
	Lebec, lunch for 2,1.18;Bakersfield 8 gals gas 1.08;		
	Fresno: Supper for 2,1.60		3 86
21	Fresno Hotel, room, self & asst.	V	5 00
	Breakfast 1.10; car storage .50		1 60
	Fresno:Shell Certified System, 7 gals gas 1.05;		
	5 qts. oil 1.55; 1 gal flush oil .50	V	3 10
	Manteca, 7 gals gas 1.05; Tracy,lunch1.25; dinr 1.10		3 40
22	Berkeley-San Rafael Ferry, self&car.85; lunch .60		1 45
30	Sausalito-SF Ferry ret.25;lunch&dnnr 1.75;St Cars.30		2 30
	Pickwick Hotel, room	V	2 50
	San Anselmo, 5 gals gas		88
	Muriel Martinelli, Stenog & Typing	V	9 25
	Harold Swanton, asst. 14 days @ 4.00	V	56 00
June 1	Devel & Printing photographs	V	8 72
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May 4-5 Sausalito: Car storage
5 SanAnselmo: 5 gals gas
14 San Rafael: 7 gals gas
14 Edw. Denny: 6 Maps 1
15 Muriel Martinelli: 3½ days Stenog & typing @ 3.50 12

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June 4, 1934

Mr. Edward H. Grove
Water Registrar, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 18 would state that I returned to Washington last fall on November 6, on which date presumably the water was turned on in my house.

In my letters to your office I have generally made the statement that I did not expect to return to Washington until late in October, but as a matter of fact I do not generally return until sometime in early November.

It is many years since water has been used on my lawn, the only water being that required by my wife and myself for house use.

Your predecessor in the water office several years ago agreed that it was manifestly unfair to charge water rent during the period in which the house was closed.

On receipt of your bill I will send check for the amount you state to be due.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

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June 4, 1934

Mr. Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for $8.72 in payment of accompanying bill for photographic work during April and May.

The Leica camera was found to be badly out of order and was repaired by Spindler & Sauppe of San Francisco.

Very truly yours,

E. Hall Imamura

June 5, 1934

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense voucher for the month of May, amounting to $185;82, which kindly pay from the Harrimah Fund as usual.

The voucher for Swenson's bill for photograph developing and printing has not arrived but will be sent in a day or two.

Onthe last field trip (May 16-21) I was accompanied by my new assistant, Harold Swanton. During this trip we had THREE flat tires that had to be vulcanized. This means that my tires and tubes are old and untrustworthy, for which reason I expect to purchase at least two new ones next time I go to the city.

Thanks for promptness in sending last check.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Where & Why has the voucher gone?
See ff. 521-522.

June 9, 1934

Mr. Reeve M. Bailey
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Bailey:

In accordance with your request, I am sending you herewith a few of the separates of my publications. These are all I happen to have here in California.

If you will write me about the end of the year, addressing me at 1919-16th Street, Washington, I shall be glad to send you a number of others.

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June 21, 1934

E. Leitz, Inc.
60 East 10th Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Today I am sending you by express, prepaid and insured, my Leica camera for repairs. I have taken it twice to your San Francisco agents, Spindler & Sauppe, but they have not remedied the trouble.

In some cases, on opening the camera, the film shoots out and of course is ruined. Lately I find the window of the cylindrical film container open and the exposed film ruined. On examination it appears that the new grooved cylinder which contained the film has been replaced by one of the old smooth kind. I destroyed all of these last year and replaced them by the new grooved kind.

During the past month or six weeks I have taken fully a hundred exposures of Indians of little known tribes, from all of which I have not secured a single photograph--too discouraging to be longer continued.

The travel and expense of these recent visits to distant Indians has cost me much more than $150, and I have not a single picture to show for it.

Please put the camera in perfect condition and return to me insured. My Post Office address is Lagunitas, Marin County, California; Express address: San Rafael, California.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

June 22, 1934

Mr. John M. Olney
Shattuck at Carlton
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The lower part of the bill given me for work on my Ford sedan, June 16, (enclosed herein) is so obscured that it does not state clearly the total amount.

I regret to trouble you, but since this is a government account, I shall be obliged if you will make the bottom part a little plainer.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 22, 1934

Hon. John Collier
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collier:

Have just returned from a trip among the Indians of Southwestern California. Some of these are women, one at least very old and poor. They have no visible means of support, for which reason I took them some loaves of bread and other supplies. They live down in the bottom of Toro Canyon, a mean place to get at because of the steepness of the mountain slope and narrowness of the road.

The accumulated mail tells me that the Indian Bill has passed. Should be very glad if you could send me a few copies in its final form.

Hope you succeeded in carrying the most important features of your new legislation.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 22, 1934

Mr. & Mrs. Calistro Tortes
Cahuilla, California

Dear Friends:

Since writing you on May 28 I have been working in various parts of the state. Before leaving, I looked over the negatives I took of your family, and while the bottom part was cut off, the rest of the pictures were so good that I sent them to a photographer for enlargement.

The enlargements arrived this morning and I am sending a set of them to you herewith and think you will be glad to have them, in spite of the fact that the feet are cut off.

I have sent to washington for copies of the New Indian Bill as passed a few days ago..when they arrive, I will send one to you.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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June 22, 1934

Mr. Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Thanks for the two batches of photographs received--the small ones that came yesterday and the enlargements of the Cahuilla Remadas that arrived this morning.

I am glad to say that they are so very much better than the former lot, but you have forgotten two things:

1. That in the case of unimportant foreground I prefer to cut the foreground so the picture will be narrower. I have no objection to narrow pictures.

2. I spoke also about the borders, remarking that I dislike such narrow borders. I thought you noted this, but in the present batch the borders are just as bad as the others. With the same size paper it will be easy enough to leave a little wider margin.

I am enclosing 23 of the prints received yesteryesterday. You have the negatives. Please make 4 enlargements each (usual size) of these--making 92 in all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 23, 1934

Mr. Lyon de Camp
Thendara, New York

Dear Lyon:

Your letter awaited my return a day or two ago from a field trip among the Indians of southwestern California.

In answer to your inquiries about my various activities, I enclose herewith a copy of an abbreviated biography from Who's Who of 1913--published as you see more than 20 years ago. Since then various things have happened concerning which I have (here in Calif.) no record.

The medal you refer to is the (Theodore) Roosevelt Medal, awarded a couple of years ago.

With best wishes,

DR. C. HART MERRIAM, chief of U. S. Biol. Survey, 1885-1910; resigned to conduct biol. and ethnol. investigations under a spl. trust fund established by Mrs. E. H. Harriman, 1910-. Naturalist, Hayden's survey, 1872; asst. U. S. Fish Commission, 1875; visited Arctic seal fishery, from Newfoundland, 1883, as surgeon S. S. Proteus; visited Alaska, 1891, as U. S. Bering Sea commr., and investigated the fur seal on Probilof Islands; has conducted many biol. explorations in Far West; mem. U. S. Geographic Bd. Fellow Am. Ornithologists' Union (pres. 1900-2), A. A. A. S.; mem. Nat. Acad. Sciences, Am. Philos. Soc., Am. Soc. Naturalists, Am. Geog. Soc., Washington Acad. Sciences, Biol. Soc. Washington; foreign mem. Zool. Soc. London. Author: The Birds of Connecticut, 1877; Mammals of the Adirondacks, 1882-4; Results of Biological Survey of San Francisco Mountain Region and Desert of Little Colorado in Arizona, 1890; Biological Reconnaissance of Idaho, 1891; Geographic Distribution of Life in North America, 1892; Trees, Shrubs, Cactuses and Yuccas of Death Valley Expedition, 1893; Laws of Temperature Control of Geographic Distribution of Terrestrial Animals and Plants, 1894; Monographic Revision of the Pocket Gophers (Geomyidae), 1895; Revision of the American Shrews, 1895; Synopsis of Weasels of North America, 1896; Biological Survey of Mt. Shasta, Calif, 1899; Life Zones and Crop Zones of the United States, 1898; Indian Population of California, 1905; Distribution and Classification of the Mewan Indians of California, 1907; Totemism in California, 1908; The Dawn of the World, 1910. Also about 500 papers on zool. bot. and ethnological subjects. Also: Big Bears of N. Amer, 1918; Pit River Indians, 1926; An-nik-a-del, 1928

June 23, 1934

Mr. or Mrs. R. C. Murphy
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Your undated postalcard (postmarked June 8) reaches me on my return from a field trip in southwestern California.

I very much regret that my absence in the field prevented the sending of a congratulatory message to Dr. Frank Chapman--a naturalist for whom I have the highest admiration and regard, and whose personal friendship for half a century has been greatly prised.

While Chapman's continuous services as originator and editor of Bird Lore are appreciated by everyone interested in birds, his many scientific publications have accorded him high rank as a technical naturalist.

His contributions to the natural history of Barro Colorado Island and South America are most notable, not only for a vast amount of new material presented, but also for his personal observations and impressions of the Life Zones of the Andes first recognised by Humboldt so many years ago.

Frank Chapman's recent autobiography overflows with important material, much of which is of special interest to those of us who have been his lifelong friends.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 25, 1934

Dr. W. B. Bell
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bell:

Returning from a field trip a few days ago I found your letter of June 8, inclosing an article on the Survey by Mr. Reddington, and also a much appreciated list of some of my publications.

So far as I am aware no complete bibliography of my publications exists, although in Washington I have an incomplete list.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

June 25, 1934

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Waschope
Saskatchewan, Canada

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Returning from a field trip I find your letter of June 7 awaiting attention.

The four photographs you enclosed, two of a red squirrel and two of a flying squirrel, are interesting. One of the flying squirrel I am glad to keep; the others are returned herewith.

The price for the flying squirrel, $2.00, is enclosed herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

June 27, 1934

Mr. Alfred Ely
70 Pine Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Ely:

Your letter of June 22, forwarded from Washington, reached me this morning.

In reply to your inquiry would say that the name you use, "Sonora Grizzly", would seem to cover several quite distinct species from the desert region of the southwest--species inhabiting isolated mountains or mountain ridges surrounded by broad areas of arid desert not favored by bears.

Ursus horriaeus, the species originally described by Professor Baird in the Pacific Railroad Reports in 1857, came from the Coppermines of southwestern New Mexico. Ursusnelsoni, described by me in 1914, came from Colonia Garcia, Chihuahua. Ursus texensis inhabited the isolated Davis mountains in western Texas.

Which of these several species you refer to as the "Sonora Grizzly" would be hard to say.

I am now an old man, nearly 80, and have not been working on bears for some years. For this reason please forgive me for not replying to your inquiry as to where specimens of any of these may be obtained.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

June 27, 1934

Mr. Otto G. Simon
Lancaster, California

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your interesting and informative letter of June 25 in regard to the so-called Indian Play, 'The Crimson Arrow', to be staged near Lancaster on the evening of July 1 next.

Until the receipt of your letter this morning, I had supposed that the affair was to be one of the real Indian celebrations--such as I have attended for many years in various parts of the state--obtaining therefrom much valuable anthropological information.

I greatly appreciate your promptness in replying as it saves me a trip which would have been wholly outside of my line of work.

Again thanking you,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

July 2, 1934

Mr George W. White
President National
Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr White:

Enclosed is my check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for Two hundred dollars, which kindly deposit to my account in the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D.C.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours

July 2, 1934

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of June, 1934, amounting to $317.83, which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

During the month, among other things, made at least three trips over the Atascadero Mts and down the steepest shoot to the bottom of the deep and narrow Toro Canyon that were ever made by even a well-experienced Ford car.

Had to stop each time in Atascadero Canyon to pick up an Indian woman to translate back and forth my work with the old Toro Creek woman, and then take her home again across a deep precipitous gorge. Got lots of good material.

As ever yours,

C. HART MERRIAM

LAGUNITAS, CALIFORNIA

1934

	Allen's Press Clippings for May (Pd. June 8)		3	00
May 31	San Anselmo: 5 gals gas			88
June 6	San Anselmo: 7 gals gas		1	23
	San Fran Ferry, car, self & asst., ret.		1	70
	Tire Service Co.,2 Firestone Tires & Tubes		25	93
	Tire Service Co.,4 Tube Protectors for tires			68
	H. S. Crocker Co: Stationery		4	15
6&7	San Fran, Hotel Pickwick, room		2	50
	San Fran Meals, 2 days, self & asst.		3	50
	San Fran Night parking.50; Day Parking .25			75
10	Richmond Ferry, self & asst& car		1	00
11	Berkeley, greasing car&c.		4	77
	Berkeley, 4½ gals gas			77
	Tracy, lunch,self & asst. 1.18; Salinas,dinner 2.05		3	23
	Los Banos, 8 gals gas		1	40
12	Santa Lucia Inn, room		3	50
	Salinas, Meals		3	97
	King City, 8 gals gas		1	40
	Atascadero, 4 gals gas .66; 1 qt. oil .26			92
	Toro Creek Indians, vocab. work, man & 2 women		2	75
13	Atascadero, Hotel Carlton, room		3	00
	Atascadero, meals 2.87; 4 gals gas .66		3	53
	Toro Creek Indians, man & 2 women		5	00
14	Atascadero, Hotel Carlton, room		3	00
	Atascadero, meals		3	53
June 14	Santa Maria, 5 gals gas .83; 1 qt. oil .31		1	14
	Orcutt, Gaetano Quintana (Indian)			75
	Santa Ynez, Frank Estrada (Indian)		1	00
	" " 4 rolls film		1	00
15	Buellmore Hotel, room, self & asst, H. Swanton		4	00
	Buellton, meals, self & asst.		4	14
	Santa Ynez, Frank Estrada, 1.; Clara Miranda, 1.		2	00
	Santa Maria, 7 gals gas		1	16
16	Atascadero, Hotel Carlton, room, self & asst.		3	00
	Atascadero, Meals, self & asst.		4	10
	Food for Indians		1	50
	2 Toro Creek Indian women, all day @ 2.50		5	00
	Paso Robles, 5 gals gas			83
17	King City, Hotel El Camino Real, self & asst.		4	50
	King City, Meals self & asst.		2	66
	" " Garage .50; Morgan Hill, 8 gals gas 1.36		1	86
	Oakland, 4 spark plugs		2	66
18	John M. Olney, Auto Repairs		17	29
	Richmond Ferry, Self & asst. 1.; San Raf,5 galgas.83		1	83
21	Registration Photos Mammals to Pittman,Wauchope,Can.			84
	Express Leica Camera to NY for repairs			70
26	Sausalito-San Fran Ferry.25; St. cars .25			50
	2 Water Bags for desert work		1	31
	Phone (Swenson Photos).30;dinner.90; 7gals gas@20,1.40		2	60
30	Muriel Martinelli stenographer 5 days @ 3.50		17	50
	Harold Swanton, assistant, June 1-30,30 days @ 4.00		120	00
	Eric Swenson, Photo work June 11-26		27	78
			317	83

July 3, 1934

Beard Personal Tax Appraisers
Office Assessor, District Columbia

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me two copies of the form entitled "Personal Tax Return" for 1934-35.

Very truly yours,

July 3, 1934

Collector of Taxes
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir:

Not having received the blanks for the usual July statement of my holdings subject to tax, I shall be obliged if you will send me a duplicate set addressed as above.

I am always in Washington winters, always in California summers. My Washington house (1919 16th Street) is closed, as usual in summer.

Respectfully,

July 3, 1934

Cashier, Crocker Nat'l Bank
San Francisco, California
Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me the market values as of July 1 instant, of the following securities.

Very truly yours,

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July 4, 1934

Hon John Collier
Commr.Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Collier:

Thanks for copies recd of 86293 (S 3645). If this is all that Congress passed, I am surprised and dissapointed. Better luck next time!

If you have a list of Indian Reservations in California, with postoffice addresses, I should greatly appreciate a copy or two. For instance, I promised to send photographs to Indians in Santa Rosa Valley, Southern California, but am not sure of their correct address. Simalar cases have often bothered me and recur from time to time.

Congratulations on your INDIANS at WORK. It is most interesting and I'm sure helpful also.

Very truly yours,

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PERIODICALS TAKEN IN OFFICE 1934-5

THE MURRELET
Old Capitol Bldg.,
Olympia, Washn.

THE AUK
Lancaster, Pa.

THE CONDOR
Buene Park, Calif.

BULLETIN: N.Y.ZOOL. SOC.
101 Park Ave., N.Y.C.

BULLETIN: ZOOL. SOC. PHILADELPHIA
Philadelphia, Pa.

PROC. ZOOL. SOC. LONDON
London.

NATURAL HISTORY
Journal, Museum Nat.Hist., N.Y.C.

TRANS. SAN DIEGO SOC.NATURAL HISTORY
San Diego, Calif.

NATURE MAGAZINE
1214 16th Street, Washn. D.C.

FIELD AND STREAM
578 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C.

AMERICAN GAME
Investment Bldg., Washn D.C.

OUTDOOR LIFE
381 Fourth Ave., N.Y.C.

JOURNAL OF MAMMALOGY

AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST
450 Ahnaip St., Menasha, Wis.

INDIANS AT WORK
Com. of Indian Affairs, Washn D.C.

THE TOTEM BOARD
Seton Village, Santa Fe,New Mex.

AMERICAN FORESTS
1713 K St., Washn D.C.

BIRD-LORE
Harrisburg, Pa.

SAVE-THE-REDWOOD-LEAGUE
Berkeley, Calif.

JOURNAL WASHn. ACAD. SCI.
450 Ahnaip St. Menasha, Wis.

PROC. NAT. ACADEMY SCIENCES
Washn. D.C.

MUSEUM NOTES
Flagstaff, Ariz.

JOURNAL HEREDITY
American Genetic Assn.,
Washn. D. C.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE
Washn. D. C.

SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN
220 Bush St., San Francisco,Calif.

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THE LITERARY DIGEST

July 4, 1934

Col. O. H. Lipps
Indian Agent
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Col. Lipps:

Will you kindly send me the postoffice address of Indians in Santa Rosa Valley, Southern Calif. & thought it was Hemet, but am not sure. I refer tO Indians of the Santa Rosa Reservation on Vandaverter Flat.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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July 6, 1934

Mr Jose Bylon
Toro Canyon
Templeton, Calif.

At last I have recieved the photograph prints from the negatives I took of the several members of your family last month, and am enclosing a set of them to be divided among you, as your mother may wish.

Hope you will like them.

I am now getting ready for a trip north to see some Indians near the Oregon line. Later, I hope to make another trip to Toro and see you all again.

Just now a doe deer and her two fawns are playing and feeding near my window.

With kind regards to your mother and sister and the school girl,

Very truly yours,

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July 6, 1934

Mr Frank Estrado
Santa Ynez, Calif.

Dear Mr Estrado and Mrs
Clara Miranda

The enlarged prints of the photographs I took of you last month have just come back from the printer in Berkeley, and I hope you will like them. They look good to me, but those of Mrs Miranda are not so good as they would have been if the sun had been in the right place.

Later in the season if I have good luck, I hope to see you both again.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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July 8, 1934

Miss Edna Merriam
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Miss Merriam:

Your letter of June 24 is at hand. You need a copy of the Merriam Genealogy**but I do'nt know where you can find one out here.

The Merriams did'nt come from France, but from England. We all descended from one or the other of two brothers who came to America a long time ago. One settled in Lynn, Massachusetts, the other in Meriden, Connecticut.

Dr John C. Merriam of whom you speak is brother of Charles E. Merriam of the University of Chicago. Dr John C. is President of the Carnegie Institution of Washington,D.C. and a very eminent man.

By consulting Who's Who which you will find in any good library, you may learn something of some of our tribe.

Very truly yours,

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Lagunitas, Calif.
July 8, 1934

Mrs Philips D. Terry
Orondo, Washington

Dear Mrs Terry:

Returning from field work with Indians in Southern and Western California I find your undated letter inquiring about sources of information concerning Indian artifacts from Washington state, particularly from the Columbia River region.

Much digging and collecting has been done along Columbia River and on some of its islands, but I am far away from my library and therefore take the liberty of referring your letter to the Smithsonian Institution, from which you will doubtless recieve the information you seek.

Very truly yours,

July 9, 1934

Col. O. H. Lipps
Supt. Indian Affairs
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Col. Lipps:

Very many thanks for your promptness in replying to my inquiry as to the correct Post office address for the Indians of Santa Rosa Valley.

I drove up there awhile ago--my second visit--but misplaced the address.

Possibly I may have succeeded in changing the point of view of some of them toward the Indian Office.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

July 9, 1934

Mr and Mrs Calistro Tortes
Santa Rosa Valley, Calif.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed are prints of the photographs I took of you so long ago. At first I thought they were not good enough to send, because the bottoms were cut off, but now they look pretty good to me and I hope you will like them. If I am able to visit you again in the fall I think I can get better ones.

I have been away, working with Indians in the Coast region of southwest California.

Very truly yours,

Will the Crocker Bank kindly supply market values of following securities, as of July 1, 1938, and greatly oblige C. Hart Merriam, Laguna Vista, Calif.

BONDS		
C M & St Paul	4s	1989
Comm Ry & Ltg	4½	1951
Del & Had	4	1943
Ill Cent (Lv Div)	3½	1953
Imp Russian Credit	6½	1919
NY NH & H	3½	1954
Ny NH & H	4	1956
P G E	6	1941
So Calif Edison	5	1939
So Calif Gas	4½	1961
So Ry	5	1994
U P	4	1947

STOCKS		Shares
[illegible] Power	Pfd	20
P G & E 6s	Pfd	40
P G & E	Com	20
Pot El Power 5½	Pfd	5
Technicolor	Com	53
Telepost (Internat)	Com	1
U S Steel	Com	21
Am Tel & Tel	Com	18

July 12, 1934

Mr M. J. Donovan
Auditor, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your undated letter just recieved (forwarded from Washington) and marked {ARPs 2 encls, would state that I am engaged in field work in California and do not expect to return to Washington before some time in October.

On return, I shall be glad to fill and return the blank you enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Subject: Refund for street or curb work.

August 3, 1934

Mr Eric Swenson
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr Swenson:

Thanks for small prints recd. this morning. Am enclosing 10 small prints ~~for~~ of Indians for enlargement to Postal size, 3 prints each. Official.

Also 2 small prints of Ironsides Mt.for enlargement to Postal size, 3 prints each. Official.

Also 4 of the Berkeley house for enlargement to Postal size, 3 prints each. Personal. These of the house are all too dark. I dont like dark prints.

Not having recd your regular bill, to save time I am enclosing herewith two checks from your yellow slip bills; One of $35.03 for the Official work(31.32 and 3.71 equal 35.03); the other of 5.58 for the Personal houses.

Kindly send reciept by return mail as it is now getting late.

Very truly yours,

August 2, 1934

Dr. Duncan Strong
Bureau of Ethnology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Strong:

Returning from a field trip in northwestern California I am agreeably surprised to find your letter about your work at the Tulamniu Sites. In spite of the drudgery it must have been most interesting--as I believe digging for treasure always is--but you amaze me by telling that you had 200 men at work! My first feeling is that this would be like turning a drove of bulls loose in a crockery shop.

I am now revisiting various tribes, checking up and amplifying previous work. As you know, I am getting old and have no time to waste.

With very best wishes to you and Mrs. Strong from Mrs. Merriam and myself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

On our library table in Washington we still admire and treasure that beautiful Juniper branch with its berries that you stung on with your own hands a couple of years ago.

August 2, 1934

Prof. J. McKeen Cattell
Garrison, N. Y.

Dear Professor Cattell:

Returning from a field trip in northwestern California I find your pleasant letter of July 27, acknowledging receipt of my note on "Seals".

It is a pleasure to see your signature again, and I wish I might have seen you when you were here.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 2, 1934

Mr. Hart M. Shultz
Greer, Arizona

Dear Lone Wolf:

Returning from field work in northwestern California, I find your beautifully illustrated letter of July 5 awaiting attention. The horse and rider make a fine picture.

Sorry to know that you have been sick.

Until the receipt of your letter I did not know that you had ever been up in the edge of the Adirondack country in northern New York, where I was raised and spent my boyhood.

Glad you like the way I treated the Mewan Indian tales in my book "The Dawn of the World". Wish I could have had you to make some of the illustrations.

Hoping you will soon be perfectly well again, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 4, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of July, amounting to $241.13 which please pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Two or three days ago I returned from a trip among the Athabascan Indians of northwestern California, going as far north as the Oregon line. On this trip I had a young man named Winton Jones from the University of California as general helper and afternoon driver. He proved much more reliable than his predecessor.

It is very hot in the main valleys now but cool and comfortable on the northwest coast.

The price of gas has been rising for some time, and now in places is more than 20¢ per gallon, as you may have observed from recent accounts.

Please send a few more vouchers ~~and subvouchers~~ like those on which the present account is typed.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. HART MERRIAM

Lagunitas, California

1934			
July 1	San Anselmo, 4 gals gas		80
6	San Fran Ferry ret.25; Sausalito garage, day & night storage .50		75
	Meals	1	25
7	Telegram N. Y.(Leica camera)1.25;Sausalito, 5 gals. gas 1.00		2 25
	Pickwick Hotel, room	1	2 50
	Meals, 1.25; St. car fares .20; Car Battery .25		1 70
	Allen's Press Clipping (Indians)	2	3 08
	Fish & Game Magazine-1 year		1 50
10	Sparrow Bros., work on car & new parts	3	10 29
13	San Rafael, 6 gals gas 1.20; 1 qt. oil .31		1 51
17&18	San Rafael Ferry ret., car, self & asst.		2 00
	Meals, 2.25; 4 gals gas .80		3 05
18	Leitz(2 Leica film mags. 5.40;Postage & ins.11	4	5 41
19	Cloverdale, 7 gals gas 1.44; 1 qt. oil .31		1 75
	Meals, self & asst.		2 20
20	Ukiah, Palace Hotel, room	5	3 50
	Meals, self & asst (Hotels, Ukiah & CrescentCity)		4 21
	Ukiah garage		35
	Pepperwood, 8 gals gas 1.72; 1 qt. oil .31		2 03
	Klammath, 5 gals gas 1.10; 1 qt. oil .31		1 41
	Crescent City, 6 rolls film&tax,1.84		1 84
	6 Photos, Indians .25		25
21	Crescent City, Lauff Hotel, room	6	3 00
	Crescent City garage.50; 2 gals gas .44		94

July 21	Mrs. Edward Lopez, Indian, Vocab. work		3 00
	Meals, self & asst.		3 30
22	Crescent City, Lauff Hotel, room		3 00
	John Lopez, old Indian vocab. work		3 00
	Garage .50; meals, self & asst, 2.85		3 35
	Klammath, 4 gals gas .88; 1 qt. oil .31		1 19
23	Orick, Orick Inn, room		3 00
	Orick, grease car 1.00; 4 qts. oil & tax 1.23		2 23
	Meals, self & asst.		2 65
24	Hoopa, Pd. Indian woman, vocab. work		3 00
	Meals, self & asst.		2 65
25	Hoopa, 7gals gas@25-1.75; Hoopa-Pd. Indians3.50		5 25
	Hoopa, Meals, self & asst.		2 55
26	Weaverville,5 gals gas1.13; 1 qt. oil .31		1 44
27	Orland, Royal Hotel, room		2 00
	Williams,6 gals gas 1.23; 1 qt. oil .31		1 54
	Meals, self & asst.		2 05
	Napa, 5 gals gas,1.00;CarquinezBridge,car,self & assistant.80		1 80
	6 Rolls film & tax		1 29
30	Berkeley,3 gals gas .59; 1 qt. oil .31		90
	San Rafael Ferry, car, self & asst.		1 00
31	Lagunitas, 25 stamped envelopes		75
	G. Winton Jones, services as asst,July 10-31		88 00
	Muriel Martinelli, services as stenog.July 2		3 50
Aug 4	Eric H. Swenson, Photo work		41 12
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August 7, 1934

Mr Edw. H. Grove
Water Registrar, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Returning again from field work in northern California, I find still another Water Rent bill and am returning it to you herein. As you will see, it covers two years the last of which(1934) I have your reciept for--dated July 24, 1934.

The previous bill, as stated in your letter of July 14, "has been cancelled" as there was no consumption of water.

For more than twenty years I have been engaged in field work in the west--usually for six months or more--during which my house has been locked and no one in Washington has had a key.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

August 7, 1934

Assessor, District Columbia
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my Personal Tax Return for 1934. I regret that I was unable to attend to it earlier. I have been away collecting Indian languages for the Smithsonian.

Respectfully,

August 10,1934

Dear Frank Chapman:

Returning a few days ago from a field trip along the California-Oregon line I was delighted to find your letter of July 4.

But don't brag about your "Three score and ten." I'll soon reach my four score and ten. Nevertheless I'm bound to admit that I'm no longer what I used to be. Lack of physical vigor and spryness are to be expected of course, but the real misfortune is freaky memory-- the inability to recall names and places at the critical moment. This is a real trial.

We had not heard that you had been in a Miami hospital; nor had we so much as a word about your good and kind wife. Give her our best love.

I'm still driving my own Ford--with help afternoons; and still doing good work with California Indians, having obtained vocabularies of all living California tribes.

Last winter I read and reread your autobiography with enthusiasm, thrills, and joy. Made notes and meant to write-- but time never came.

Best love to you both from both of us,

Yours always,

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
American Museum Nat Hist

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American Museum Nat. Hist.

Retake of Preceding Frame

August 16, 1934.

Dear Sir:

Please print 1000 sheets letterheads same type and same size paper as enclosed sample; paper to be Old Hampshire Bond, White, substance 24.

Also send 500 blank sheets for second sheets, same size and quality.

Job to be delivered to Mrs. M. W. Talbot, 2590 Cedar Street, Berkeley.

Send bill to me at Lagunitas, California. There is no particular rush for completion of the job.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Packard
2104 Grove St.
Berkeley, Calif.

Map Dept:

Please send me two copies of your Road Map showing the country between Mono Lake and Carson City.

Also, kindly inform me as to the stopping places--food and lodgings--along this route.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 20, 1934

Forest Service
San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me two copies of your map covering the region between Mono Lake and Carson Valley.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 27, 1934

Dear Mr Swenson:

Thanks for promptness insending prints of last batch of negatives. They came out very satisfactorily.

Enclosed herewith are nine of the small prints trimmed for subject. Please enlarge all of these to postal size and send me three prints of each.

What causes the scratches on many of the prints? I thought the Leica never scratched.

I want to thank you again for the beautifully colo red print which your artist lady made from one of my photos of San Miguel Mission. It is a work of art.

Very truly yours,

August 29, 1934

Mr. William Timmerman
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Timmerman:

Returning from a field trip a few days ago, I found your letter of August 7 awaiting attention.

You ask about the PIT RIVER tribes with reference to plans for self-government. I regret that I have no recent information on the subject, as it is some years since I worked with these tribes.

For many years I was well acquainted with Indians of the various divisions of the Achomawan stock and published two volumes on them, one in 1926, the other in 1928, since which I have not visited them.

Two of the leading men I know to be dead (Billy Quinn of Ap-pe-dah-dă, and Jack Williams of Likely Valley, chief of the Ham-mah-we Indians). Another, Istet Woiche (William Hulsey), head man of the Modesse and speaker for the group as a whole, was a very old man when I last saw him; another, Sam Spring of Canby or Hot Springs Valley, one of the leading men, spent much time in company with his brother in surveying the tract of land guaranteed to these Indians by General Canby. This tract includes a conical mountain known as Rattlesnake

Butte or Centerville Butte.

In addition to these, the chief of the Achomawe tribe proper, living a little northeast of Fall River Mills was, and still may be, one of the leaders of the group. If I remember correctly he came to Washington a few years ago in behalf of his tribe.

All of these men are deeply interested in the future of the Achomawe as a whole and I believe may be strictly relied upon.

The matter of organizing the various tribes looks easy enough on paper, but unless I am greatly mistaken is one likely to give your office almost insuperable difficulties. With the large tribes still retaining tribal organization there may be little trouble, but with most of the California tribes, each represented by a handfull of individuals scattered over a large area, I don't see how anything can be done. In northern California, apart from the so-called Eurok, Karok, Hoopa and possibly also the Achomawe, the case seems hopeless.

In middle California there still exist many Midoo, Mewuk, and Yokut people, scattered remnants of a number of tribes that have no direct contact with one another and of course no

organization. Along with these may be mentioned the Wintoon, Pomo, and so-called Monache, ommitted for the double reason that few individuals are left and that the groups as a whole are composed of remnants of so many different tribes or bands that it is doubtful if they could be brought together.

In brief, in California there are so many scattered bands consisting of only a few individuals and unacquainted with one another that any effort to organize them strikes me as out of the question. You know, of course, that in California there is nothing approaching the tribal condition existing among the Navajo and the Pueblo tribes.

With kind regards to Mr. Collier,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

August 28, 1934

Mr Joe Guzman and Family
Niles, California.

Since leaving you a few days ago I have had the photographs I took deveoped and enlarged. They came out well and I am sending you some of the prints to you in this letter. Hope you like them.

I hope the Grandfather is better and that he will grow stronger.

With best wishes to you all, and thanks to the little girl for helping with the Grandfather.

Very truly yours,

August 30, 1934

Mrs. George Kennan
Medina, New York

Dear Mrs. Kennan:

Your letter of the 17th instant carries me back many years and recalls many incidents. Mr. Kennan, as I think you know, was a man for whom I had the greatest admiration and respect. Among other things, his work on the late E. H. Harriman brought out the truth as to Mr. Harriman's remarkable mind and steadfast honesty. Incidentally, since you mention the Harriman bank fiasco, I assume you know that E. H. Harriman had nothing whatever to do with the Harriman of the "bank fiasco".

Unfortunately I have no knowledge of architects or the sources of employment for such, my own interests being along the lines of natural history and ethnology. For many years I have been studying the languages of California Indians.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest regards and recalls the pleasant evenings we all had with the Dalls.

Regretting that I see no way by which I could help the young man,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 30, 1934

Dear Florence:

Returning from a field trip I found your letter of the 12th awaiting attention. Hope Vernon has succeeded in opening arrangements with the trap makers for handling his catch'em alive product.

You gave me quite a shock by telling me that a colored apartment is in process of erection on the corner next to Marian's house and that her house may be engulfed in the transaction. This brings the dark shadow pretty close to our own home--with only the apartment between.

Yes, I agree with you that "things not in use get burdensome when they have to be taken care of". Still, I'm glad you are saving enough so your beautiful house will not suffer from the loss of all the tons of books, pictures, and other things you have been giving away.

We are not surprised that you find your comfortable Kalorama house much to your liking.

Sept.12, 1934

Mr H. H. Pittman
Wauchope, Saskatchewan

Dear Mr Pittman:

Your letter with the small Bat is at hand. The species is the common Red Bat of most parts of the United States and eastern Canada. Its scientific name used to be Atalapha noveboracensis , changed in 1910 to [redacted] borealis by Hollister.

I will turn the specimen in to the Biological Survey Collection as a present from you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nycteris borealis

Sept. 12. 1934

Mr J. F. Woods,Cashier
Equitable Life Assurance Soc.
15th & H Sts, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated Sept. 4 reached me this morning. I regret the error in regard to the premium,but must say that the Notice of Premium read today is not the same as the one previously read and returned with check for $120. on Aug.23.

I have canceled the former check and am enclosing a new one for the amount you state is due--namely for $264.55

Very truly yours,

Sept. 24, 1934

Mr A. D. Auryansen
Asst. Secretary
Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 30 in regard to my address, would say that 1919 16th St. Washington, D.C. is correct. But I am away for six months every year, engaged in field work under the Smithsonian. During my absence from Washington my letter mail normally is forwarded to my California base--Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif. This time it seems to have slipped a cog.

Kindly forward the check in question to me here at Lagunitas, Calif, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 2, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the two months, August and September, amounting to $390.90.

The receipt for the letterheads (amounting to $19.98) has not yet arrived but will be forwarded later.

If the weather holds good, I expect to cross the High Sierra on my last trip for the season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, California

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Aug. 6	San Rafael, 5 gals gas, 1.00; 1 qt. oil .31		1	31
7	Allen's Press Clippings for July		3	99
8	H. S. Crocker Company.: Stationery			87
	Schwabacher Frey Co.: Films 2.87; ~~Lunch & Dinner 1.00~~	3	2	87
10	San Rafael Ferry, car & asst .85			85
	Sausalito Ferry ret(self).25;2 meals (self,asst)1.75		2	00
11	Asst: Trip Lagunitas-Niles: Ferry.85; 5 gals gas .98		1	83
	Bus, Berkeley-Niles ret.85;lunch .50;5 gals gas .98		1	35
	Self: Sausalito-SF Ferry ret.25; meals 1.20		1	45
	Photo Envelopes: 4 pkgs. 1.00; St. cars .20		1	20
	San Francisco, Hotel Pickwick, room	4	2	50
12	Meals, 1.75; Street Cars .30		2	05
	San Rafael Ferry, car,self&driver,1.00; Meals .75		1	75
14	San Rafael Ferry,car,self,asst,1.00;5 gals gas 1.00		2	00
	Niles, lunch 1.02;San Jose,dinner, self&asst. 1.12		2	14
	Paid 3 Indians, 1.00 each		3	00
15	San Jose, Hotel Vendome, room, self & asst.(Phone)	5	3	30
	San Jose Garage.50; 7 gals gas 1.23; 1 qt. oil .31	6	2	04
	San Raf Ferry,car,self,asst 1.00;4 Meals,self,ast 2.		3	00
21	San Rafael,5 gals gas 1.00;Ferry, self & asst 1.00		2	00
	Pd. Indians, Niles,3.00;Meals, self & asst. 2.60		5	60
	Dumbarton Bridge toll to Palo Alto, self & asst.			50
22	Palo Alto, Hotel President,self,asst,room & garage	7	4	50
	Dumbarton Bridge,toll .50;Meals,self & asst. 2.25		2	75
	Irvington, 5 gals gas .98; 1 qt. oil .31		1	29
Aug. 22	Berkeley: Greasing car,1.00; chg. oil 1.23	8	2	23
23	San Raf Ferry,car,self,asst 1.;Meals,self,asst 1.80		2	80
25	San Rafael 5 gals gas 1.00;50 stamped envelopes1.55		2	55
30	Muriel Martinelli, services as stenog. 1½ das @3.50	9	5	25
	G. Winton Jones, services as asst. Aug. 1-25 @4.00	10	100	00
30-31	San Francisco, Pickwick Hotel, room	11	2	50
	Sausalito Ferry to SF (ret).25;Meals 1.55;St cars.25		2	05
	SF Street cars .40; Meals 1.60; Sausalito car stor50		2	50
Sept.2	San Francisco Ferry ret.25;Meals 1.50;St.cars .25		2	00
3	San Francisco, Hotel Pickwick, room	12	2	50
	Meals 1.50;St. cars.20;Sausalito car storage .50		1	20
4	San Rafael 5 gals gas .97; tires .25		1	22
5	Swenson Photos for August	14	18	91
7	Ferry-SF, self& asst.50;St. cars.20;Lunch .60		1	30
	Patrick Co:Schedule Paper & Celluloid tape		1	25
8	Sausalito Ferry SF ret.25;St.cars.20;dinner .75		1	20
8-10	Sausalito car storage 1.00;Meals 1.00		2	00
13	Asst.SFFerry ret.25;More ScheduleBlanks(32x41)1.52		1	77
16	San Raf Ferry,self&asst. 1.00; lunch .90		1	90
17	J.M.Olney,Ford Agcy,overhauling car & 2 new tires	16	26	90
	Berkeley-San Fran ret..40; Meals 1.50		1	90
18	Richmond Ferry,car,self&asst 1.00; Meals 1.00		2	00
	San Rafael, 8 gals gas 1.52; 1 qt. oil .31		1	83
25	San Rafael, 5 gals gas			95

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	11	Asst: Trip Lagunitas-Niles: Ferry.85; 5 gals gas .98		1	83
		Bus, Berkeley-Niles ret.85 lunch .50;5 gals gas .98		1	35
		Self: Sausalito-SF Ferry ret.25; meals 1.20		1	45
		Photo Envelopes: 4 pkgs. 1.00; St. cars .20		1	20
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	Field trip San Joaquin Plain & Sierra:		
Sept.28	Berkeley, 6 gals gas 1.11; Tracy 6 gals gas 1.14		2 25
	Tracy, 1 qt. oil.25; Meals en route 1.25		1 50
29	Merced, lodging, Anderson's Motor Inn		1 50
	Madera, 8 gals gas 1.52; 1 qt. oil .25; Meals 1.50		3 27
30	South Fork (Thornberg's) supper, lodging&bfst.		2 05
	7 gals gas, 1.17; 1 qt. oil .25		1 42
	Merced 5½ gals gas 1.05; Meals en route 1.85		2 90
	Eric Swenson Photo work for Sept.		3 33
	San Rafael Ferry, car,self&asst.1.00;5 gals gas .95		1 95
	Harold Jones, services assistant,Sept.7-30 @ 4.00		96 00
	Muriel Martinelli,services as stenog. ¾ da; @3.50 da.		2 00
7	San Rafael, 6 gals gas 1.14; 1 qt. oil .26		1 40
30	California Advertising Service: For printing 1,000 letterheads on heavy quality paper with 500 blank sheets to match		19 98
	Ommitted:		
	Allen's Press Clippings for August		3 00
8	San Francisco, Hotel Pickwick, room		2 50
			390 90

Three hundred and ninety------ ninety------

390.90

October 2, 1934

California Advertising Service
2104 Grove Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

The letterheads which you printed for me, without submitting either sample paper or sample proof, were never delivered to me, but yesterday I found they were in the home of my married daughter, Mrs. Talbot, in Berkeley.

Your bill dated September 1 for the letterheads and blank sheets, amounting to $19.98, is paid by enclosed check. Kindly receipt and return.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

(Paper (letterhead) ordered Aug. 16, 1934 -cm)

October 3, 1934

Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton
Woodcraft League
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Seton:

Returning from a field trip I find your letter asking for a duplicate Indian basket for your local museum!

If you were a mother with a small baby or two and were asked by a kind-hearted neighbor to give her one of your superfluous babies, she would probably give you about the same answer that would fit in the case of an Indian basket. As a matter of fact there is no such thing as a duplicate Indian basket, for no two are alike, and at this late day every basket counts. I have photographs of everyone in my collection of more than a thousand, and in the vast majority of cases have accurate field data.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 18, 1934

Dear Sir:

Please change my address for Rod and Gun in Canada from Lagunitas, California, to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, for the winter.

Why did your illustrator label a photograph of a Blacktail buck and a Blacktail doe (each absolutely identified in the picture) from the shores of the Restigouche River, when as you must know, they belong a couple of thousand miles further west?

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Editor
Rod and Gun in Canada
Montreal, Canada - Box 125, Station A

Oct. 23, 1934

Assessor, District Columbia
Arrears Division, Room 128

Dear Sir:

Your notice dated Oct.18 stating that a tax on my property Sq. 190, Lot 825 (1919 16th St) remains unpaid, just reieved. I am not aware of this.

For more than forty years I have been engaged in Govt. field work in the far west, and my Washington house (1919 16 St) has been closed till my return in the fall, usually about six months.

The Postman usually forwards my letter mail--but sometimes slips a cog, as apparently in the present instance.

Just now I am delayed by illness but shall return as soon as permitted (am 80 years old).

If you had stated the amount due I would enclose check herewith.

Respectfully,

Chas

October 30, 1934

Mr. Fred Collins
Weldon, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

The photographs I took of you and your family the evening I visited you came out poorly as there was not enough light, but those I took the next morning are clear and good as you will see from the enclosed prints of your family.

Sorry you were not in this picture, but when I left you that evening I did not expect to return. On thinking of it that night, I decided to go back and see you all again, but unfortunately you were away on the pine nut job.

If I live till next year, I expect to see you all again.

With best wishes to all of your family,

Very truly yours,

October 30, 1934

Mr. Bert Miranda
Weldon, Kern Co., Calif.

Dear Mr. Miranda:

The photographs I took of your family are a great disappointment, and it's all my own fault. I missed on the distance so they are all badly out of focus. I am sending them to you, however, so that you can see what they show.

If I live another year, I shall surely go to see you and will make sure to get the distance right.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

October 30, 1934

Indian De Lacy
Lone Pine, Calif.

Dear Mr. De Lacy:

Enclosed are the photographs I took of you when at Mono Lake a short time ago. I hope you will like them.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

October 30, 1934

Mr. Henry Jimson
Mono Lake, California

Dear Mr. Jimson:

The photographs I took of you at Mono Lake came out fairly well, and I am sending them to you herewith.

If I live another year I shall try to call on you again at Mono Lake or Farrington Ranch.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

October 30, 1934

Fidelity Storage Company
1420 U Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Yesterday I made my annual insured shipment to you of various manuscripts and other materials, marked "to hold" until my return to Washington.

Kindly hold these until I notify you, which will not be many days after this reaches you.

Very truly yours,

November 12, 1934

Dr. Gilbert Grovernor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grovernor:

Very many thanks for your letters of November 2 and 7, and for the bound volumes of the Geographic Magazine for 1933, and notice of complimentary season tickets for the coming lectures.

I shall be obliged if two lecture tickets may be sent to my house as heretofore (1919 Sixteenth Street).

The bound volumes are greatly appreciated and as in previous years will be sent to California.

With regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:S

November 12, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account, amounting to $419.84, for the month of October, overlapping nine days into the present month, November, in order to complete the expenses of the season's work in California and return to Washington.

As usual, please charge this to the Harriman Fund, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

CHM:S

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C.

Expense Account Oct. 1-Nov. 9, 1934

1934					
Oct. 1	Allen's Press Clippings for Sept.	1	3	92	
	Richmond-San Rafael Ferry, car, self & asst.		1	00	
	San Rafael: 5 gals. gas .95; 1 qt. oil .31		1	26	
4	San Rafael Ferry, car, self & asst.		1	00	
	Berkeley: Car grease job 3.00; 6 gals. gas 1.11	2	4	11	
	Sonora: 6 gals. gas 1.25; meals, self & asst. 4.00		5	25	
5	Sonora Inn: rooms, self & asst.	3	4	50	
	Garage .25; meals, self & asst. 3.00		3	25	
6	Bridgeport: Hotel De Chambeau	4	2	50	
	Gar. .50; 6 gals. gas 1.62; meals, self & asst. 4.60		6	72	
	Bridgeport Indians (3 Indians)		6	00	
7	Tioga Lodge: Mono Lake, lodging self & asst.	5	3	50	
	" " Meals, " " "	5	3	59	
	3 gals. gas .81; 2 qts. oil .72		1	53	
	Leevining Creek Indians		1	50	
8	Bishop Hotel: ("Kittie Lee Inn") Ldg. self & asst.	6	4	50	
	Meals, self & asst. 4.73; garage .50; 4 gals. gas .94		6	17	
	Bishop Indians (3 Indians)		4	00	
8-10	Lone Pine: Dow Hotel, room, self & asst. Oct. 8-10	7	6	00	
	Meals (2 days) Lone Pine, Kelso Cr. & Isabella		6	50	
	Garage 2 nights 1.00; 7 gals. gas 1.63; 1 qt. oil .36		2	99	
	Paid Indians: Lone Pine, Orlanda & Kelso Creek		5	50	
11	Isabella: Auto Cabins night lodging, self & asst.	8	2	00	
	5 gals. gas 1.03; 1 qt. oil .31; 4 films 1.23; meals 4.75		7	32	
	Little Lake: 4 gals. gas .92			92	
Oct. 11	Paid Kelso Val. Indians		4	00	
12	Tulare: Hotel room, self & asst.	9	3	50	
	8 gals gas 1.52; meals, self & asst. 4.73		6	25	
	Merced: 5 gals. gas .95; 1 qt. oil .31		1	26	
	Berkeley: 6 gals. gas 1.11; oil .62	10	1	73	
13	Richmond-San Rafael Ferry, car, self & asst.		1	00	
	San Raf.-Richmond Fer. ret. car .85; San Raf: 5 gal. gas .95		1	80	
15	Sausalito-SF Ferry, self & asst. .50; bus & st. cars .25			75	
16	Schwabacher-Frey: Stationery	11	5	33	
15-17	Pickwick Hotel: Room 5.00; Telephone .45	12	5	45	
	Garage (2 nights) 1.00; San Anselmo: 4 gals. gas .76		1	76	
17	Sausalito-SF Ferry, self & asst. (return)			50	
20	Saus.-SF Ferry, asst: ret. .25; st. cars .15; dinner .50			90	
	Garage			35	
25	Saus.-SF Ferry, ret. self & asst. .50, garage .35			85	
	7 gals. gas 1.33; 1 qt. oil .31		1	64	
29	Saus.-SF Ferry, ret. self .25; garage .35; 5 gal. gas .95		1	55	
30	San Rafael: Grease job on car	13	2	93	
	San Rafael Ferry: self & asst.		1	00	
8	Calif. Advertising Service, 500 Blank Letterheads	14	19	98	
30	Muriel Martinelli: services stenog., Oct.	15	4	00	
Nov. 1	Eric Swenson: photo work, Oct.	16	53	55	
	Harold Jones: services Oct. 1-Nov. 1, 1934 (Asst.)	17	128	00	
Nov. 1-4	Sleeper: San Francisco-Washington, D.C. 74.00 1/2		37	00	
	Meals on train		10	00	
	Train porters: SF-D.C. 1.00, Baggage in D.C. .85		2	35	
	Fidelity Storage Co.: Express (Insured) & delivery--				
	Vocabularies, maps & mss. from Calif.	18	26	88	
			419	84	

November 13, 1934

Dr. Franklin Sawyer Palmer
The Sorrento, 1001 Terry Ave.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Doctor Palmer:

On returning to Washington from field work in the West I find your letter of November 4 awaiting attention.

The list sent me of your Indian baskets shows that you have a valuable collection providing the baskets are accompanied by definite information as to the tribe by which each was made. Miscellaneous baskets without specific data are of little or no value except as ornaments.

Your list is returned herewith as requested.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:S
Enclosure

November 13, 1934

Dr. H. Clare Shepardson
Fitzhugh Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor Shepardson:

I have just received from the National Vaccine and Antitoxin Institute of this city the results of chemical and blood examinations. As you will note, there is no sugar in the urine, but in the blood "178 mgm per 100 cc of blood."

Because of this finding I have reduced the insulin from 10 to 5 units morning and evening, and assume that this should be continued until the blood test is more satisfactory.

Not having discovered a diabetic physician in Washington I am taking the liberty to impose once more on your kindly attention.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:S

November 13, 1934

Mrs. Alice B. Maloney
Stewart Hotel
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Maloney:

On returning to Washington from seven months' field work in the West I find your letter of October 19th awaiting attention.

I should be glad to help you but am so overwhelmed with the season's accumulation of mail and other matters that it is impossible to take the time necessary to look up the information you wish in regard to sources of early history of the Southern Oregon Coast Region.

I would suggest that you look into the historical works relating to Oregon.

Regretting that the pressure of accumulated work makes it impracticable to help you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:S

Plenty of good books in the San Francisco Public Library

November 13, 1934

Dr. Charles H. Townsend
The Aquarium, Battery Park
New York City

Dear Doctor Townsend:

Returning from seven months' field work in California I reached Washington apparently on the same day that your article on the Newfoundland Seal Fishery appeared in the Bulletin of the New York Zoological Society.

I have perused it with much interest, but am somewhat astonished at your statement that the Newsoundland Seal-fishery "is unique in that it is based on the taking of young seals only, the number of adults captured being negligible."

Of course you refer to the Harp Seals only, for in the case of the Hooded Seals, with which I am personally familiar, exactly the contrary is true--for the adults are the only ones taken, the pups being allowed to perish on the ice floes.

Knowing that you are as busy as always, and trusting that you are well,

As ever yours,

CHM:S

November 14, 1934

Assessor, District of Columbia
Arrears Division, Room 123
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring again to your notice of October 18 stating that a tax on my property, Sq. 190, lot 805 (1919 16th St.) remains unpaid, and my reply of October 23 from California: would way that this tax bill has never reached me. Since writing you from California on October 23 I have returned to my Washington home (1919 16th St.) and have searched through my accumulated mail without finding any tax bill.

I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will kindly send me the bill for the tax in question.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:S

Bill rec'd.
Nov. 22, 1934.

November 14, 1934

Editor
Nature Magazine
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

During past years Nature Magazine has established an enviable reputation for two reasons: first, that it has secured and published worth-while contributions in the fields of mammals, birds, and reptiles; and second, because it has striven and usually succeeded in avoiding unreliable articles and faked pictures.

But the recent September issue (just opened after my return from California) is a most painful exception. I am not only disappointed but deeply shocked to see a prominent full-page photograph of a stuffed Black Bear standing on a stump in the foreground! This surely is unpardonable and gives a black eye to the reliability of your magazine.

Your October number contains a lovely picture of a fawn facing a camera, but unfortunately it is labeled "Mule deer." Look at its tail and see what you think!

Do you not realize that a few repetitions of this sort of thing will destroy your reputation for reliability?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:S

November 15, 1934

Collector of Taxes
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me the tax bill on my home property, 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C., for the current year.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

CHM:S

Bill
Rec'd. Nov. 22 1934

Nov. 23, 1934

The Hon. Simon D. Fess
United States Senate

My dear Mr. Fess:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of the 10th inst. Returning from six months of field work in California I am snowed under.

As you know, I have engaged Miss Savage for a trial in my office. Obviously, her qualifications and experience are of a high order. The only question is as to how she will succeed in a field so wholly new to her.

Thanking you for your interest,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Copy

1919 16th Street
Washington, D.C.
Nov. 24, 1934

Dear Mary:

It was kind of your dear mother and good of you to write me--and I appreciate it.

I'm delighted that your mother is getting on so well--but broken bones, apart from the suffering they cause, have a way of keeping folks abed tediously long.

So you would like to see my Indian baskets. I'm glad, and it will be a pleasure to show them to you at your convenience.

My home and office are the same and I'm here most of the time. The phone number is: North 10,240.

With love and best wishes to you both,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Mary A. Rumsey
1344 30th St. Wash^{n}.

Nov.23, 1934

Dr H. Clare Shepardson
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor Shepardson:

Your kindly encouraging letter of the 17th inst. gives me great hope, for as you well know, it's a real relief to be rid of the insulin hypodermics.

Mrs Merriam is most particular with the food and I'm not likely to relax again.

In accord with your instructions, I'm testing the entire 24-hours output, and so far without trace of sugar.

With appreciative thanks for your trouble and kindness in writing.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 4, 1934

C. Hart Merriam

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Please send me a copy of "The Moose of Isle Royale" by Adolph Murie, for which payment is enclosed.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 7, 1934

Collector of Taxes
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank for $6.56 in payment of water tax on my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for year ending October 31, 1935.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 7, 1934

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of November, amounting to $69.84, also voucher for Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield for services as stenographer-assistant November 12-30, for $79.16, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

CHM:S

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for Nov. 10-30, 1934

1934
Nov.
Dec. 1934

P.G.& E. Electric Current Oct. 1-Nov. 20	7.70	1/3	1	2	56
Repairing Desk Lamp .25: Boy washing windows 1.25				1	50
Stamped Envelopes				3	21
2 pts. BEST TEST Paper Cement 1.00; Office supplies .89				1	89
50 Album Sheets for Photographs of Indians					75
Taxi and Bus fares				1	60
Florence Johnson, 3 days' labor(fall cleaning office quarters @ 2.50)			2	7	50
Edith Strothers, daily cleaning office quarters for November			3	5	00
Allen's Press Clippings for Oct.			4	3	00
" " " " Nov.			5	3	00
Gas (Mar. 20-Nov. 20)	9.33	1/3	6	3	11
Potomac Electric Current to Nov. 23	7.10	1/3		2	36
Telephone (Nov. 6-26)	11.17	1/3	7	3	72
Standard Oil Co., Fuel furnace oil for Nov.	24.94	1/3		8	31
Office Desk-Lamp				3	00
Mrs. Wetherill's 'Traders to the Navajos'				3	00
Remington Rand Coupon Book for typewriter ribbons and repairs			8	10	00
Nature Magazine for 1935				3	00
Bolton's 'Traveling with Birds'				1	15
D.C. Water Registrar: Water rent to June 30, 1935	6.56	1/3		2	18
				69	84

Sixty-nine - - - - - - - - - - eighty-four

69.84

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December 17, 1934

Mr. William Henry Burt
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Burt:

For some time past you have been sending me separates of your papers on mammals. These I have greatly appreciated, although being very old and very busy I have not acknowledged them.

On returning from the season's work in California I found on my desk "The Mammals of Southern Nevada". This interests me greatly as it treats of a region with which I was once rather familiar, and covers the results of vastly more extensive collecting than Vernon Bailey and I were able to do during our hurried work in connection with the Death Valley Expedition about thirty-five years ago.

Too bad your frontispiece-map, while locating a number of collecting localities, fails to give the slightest clue to their marked differences in altitude. The great Charleston Mountains are not even indicated, for which reason persons unfamiliar with the region might easily assume the spotted localities to be of the same altitude.

poor imprint

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Some of your plant names worry me, such for instance as "quail brush", and others whose botanical names are not mentioned.

Although I have made several hurried trips over part of the region since the original D. V. Expedition, I am nevertheless greatly surprised at the number of ranches and place names you mention.

The circumstance that you carried on field work in both 1928 and 1929 from May to August shows that you have solved the question of desert existence during the hot season -- evidently having become quite a "desert rat".

Your remarks and critical comparisons on some of the species of which important series were collected are of great value -- and to me the whole paper is of distinct personal interest.

I'm glad to have lived to see such a critical contribution to the knowledge of the mammal fauna of this remote desert region.

With appreciative regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:C

January 4, 1934

Mr. J. Cecil Alter
Utah State Historical Society
Salt Lake City, Utah

My dear Sir:

I am anxious to complete my set of your most valuable publication, the Utah Historical Quarterly. I have a complete set from Vol.1, No.1, Jan. 1928, to Vol.5, No.4, Oct. 1932.

If you will kindly let me know the price of the numbers issued since October 1932 to complete my set, I will remit at once and shall appreciate the opportunity of reading most, if not all, of the articles.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 7, 1935

Mrs. Julia Abbot
Charleston
South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Abbot:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th inst. and for the accompanying clipping by Holzworth about the bears of Admiralty Island. Holzworth's great ambition was to photograph big bears in Alaska. Finding these animals in unusual numbers and easily approached on Admiralty he revisited the island several times and made a most valuable series of photographs of them, some in the act of eating salmon.

Many thanks for the "fat" wood. It will be helpful and much admired during the winter -- but I can not follow your advice as to "lighting my pipe" with it -- for the reason that I have not smoked or used tobacco in any form for at least eighty years.

Henry, Dorothy, and the children had good luck this year, being able to make the round trip without snow or storm. It was a great joy to have them with us, even for this short time.

With best wishes to you all,

C. Hart Merriam

January 7, 1935

Dr. Philip King Brown
Medical Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor Brown:

Many thanks for your letter of December 24, with the accompanying letter from Dr. H. C. Bumpus. I was mighty glad to read it. I hope to put myself in his hands early in the spring. I had not realized that he is the son of my old friend of the American Museum of Natural History in New York -- the ablest museum man we have ever had in America.

With best wishes and renewed thanks.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

poor imprint

January 7, 1935

Dr. N. H. Darton
1765 Church Street, N W
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Darton:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me a copy of your large and very useful map of Arizona. Inasmuch as it covers all parts of the state, both north and south of the Grand Canyon, including the Painted Desert, in all of which I have carried on field work, it is of much personal interest to me; and if, as hoped, I am able to do more work in the region, it will be of real service.

You have accomplished a big piece of work and one bound to be of much value to many people.

With thanks and best regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 8, 1935

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

In looking over the numbers of the Condor that came during my absence from Washington, I find on page 217 of the September 1934 issue a note by Lila M. Lofberg of "Big Creek", Calif. There are so many Big Creeks in California that I'm confused and should be glad to know which one is referred to.

Since Miss Lofberg mentions the Black-billed Magpie instead of the Yellow-bill it seems particularly important to know which part of the state she is talking about.

I want to congratulate you and the author, Harry Harris, on the interesting and highly valuable article on John Xantus in the September issue. In bygone years I handled a good deal of Xantus' material -- particularly his bird skins -- but have never before learned so much about him and his remarkable travels and field work in the western United States.

With best wishes,

Hastily yours,

January 9, 1935

Dr. W. B. Stephens
Alameda, Calif.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Kindly forgive my tardiness in acknowledging the box of the finest oranges we have ever had the good fortune to eat. They came in perfect condition and are gratefully appreciated by us all--especially as oranges are a part of my daily medicine.

How are you all? Busy as bumble bees I take it. You are fortunate in having your family so near, although I imagine you don't see very much of your dear Stanford boy. Bruce, I assume, is as usual continuously at the Stephens Opthalmological Center.

Florence and Vernon, as you doubtless know, decided that it was better to enjoy their comfortable home here for the winter instead of throwing it away for the low price that houses sell for during the present depression. Vernon is still struggling with his "catch-'em-alive" traps of which he has made several models of different sizes and patterns for different kinds of animals.

Before Christmas Dorothy with her husband and both children drove on here as usual from Cambridge and

Dr. W. B. Stephens
Alameda, Calif.

spent a couple of weeks with us, much to our satisfaction--for we see little of them nowadays.

I am pegging away at routine office work with little hope of getting the results of last season's field work properly elaborated before it will be time to return to California.

Thus far we have had only one snow storm--a couple of inches that lasted only a few days; and Dorothy and family were fortunate enough to escape snow both coming and going from their Cambridge home.

With love to you all. in which Elizabeth joins.

As ever yours,

Hart Merriam

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January 14, 1935

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing your usual annual statement of receipts and disbursements on account of the Harriman Trust Fund for the calendar year ended December 31, 1934.

With thanks for your promptness,

Very truly yours,

January 9, 1935

Dr. William Trelease
University of Illinois
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Doctor Trelease:

Glad to hear from you.

Mary Rumsey's death was a severe blow, for as you say she was a rare, fine girl. Idleness and fashionable society were repugnant to her. In New York she did various helpful things for the underdog, and here in Washington occupied rather a high position under the Government relief. To break the strain of this she continued her habit of horseback riding, but finally struck the inevitable snag and was killed. I have talked over the telephone with her daughter, Mary Rumsey, but as yet have not seen her.

Unfortunately I don't know any more than you do about her younger sisters, Cornelia and Carol, and her cousin Beth Averell--all fine girls. You know of course that the two boys occupy rather prominent positions.

It was a great trip that Mr. Harriman gave us in Alaska thirty-five years ago--a great experience we all had together; and also it was a fine thing to have enjoyed the rather intimate companionship of our host and his remarkably worth-while family.

With best wishes, as ever yours,

E. H. Harriman

January 10, 1935

Egbert Bagg and Co.
219 Genesee Street
Utica, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for renewal of insurance policies on my furniture, Indian baskets, and scientific specimens to Jan. 18 193[illegible] [1938] amounting to $33.76, for which my check is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

January 10, 1935

Mr. Malcolm J. Rogers
San Diego Museum
Balboa Park
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Very many thanks for your letter of January 10, giving me the information asked for concerning a gambling tray, which I am glad to know was made by a Yokut woman on Tule River.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

January 10, 1935

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the period December 6, 1934 to date, amounting to $116.46; also vouchers for Mrs. Ruby Schofield for services as stenographer-assistant December 1-31, for $125.00, and Jean Carr for services as secretary December 17-31, for $62.50, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street. N W

Expense Account. Dec.6 1934-Jan. 10 1935

			Voucher		
Dec.	6	Nature Assoc. "Four Nature Books"		4	00
	7	Boulton, Traveling with the Birds		1	15
	8	Luxux Lab. Photo enlarging and printing	1	8	20
	10	Marjorie Savage, Sec'y services	2	40	00
	11	Allen's Press clippings for Nov.	3	3	00
	12	Canadian Field Naturalist for 1935		2	00
	13	Bird Lore for 1935		1	50
	13	N.Y. Zool. Park Bulletins for 1935		1	50
	14	American Forests for 1935		4	00
	29	L.C. Handy Studios 7 photos Am. Ornith.	4	14	00
Jan.	1	Edith Strothers, cleaning office quarters, December	5	5	00
		Desk Lamp Hecht Co.		3	00
	5	Meenehan's Co. Wiring electric desk lamp	6	3	00
		Anthropological Society Washington for 1935		6	00
		National Park Assoc. Pubs. for 1935		2	00
		Gas Nov.20-Dec.20 - $7.00 1/3 $7.00 - $2.33	7	2	33
		El. Current Nov.16-Dec.16 $5.20 1/3 $5.20-$1.73	8	1	73
		Telephone Dec.26-Jan25 $4.90 1/3 $4.90 - $1.63	9	1	63
Dec.1-31		Fuel Oil Stan.Oil Co.N.J. $37.26 1/3 $37.26-$12.42 Dec.1-Dec.31		12	42
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January 11, 1935

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Doctor Stone:

The January AUK has just arrived and I have looked through it with a good deal of interest. The only article I have read is yours on the subspecies question. You may be surprised to know that I have read it through <u>three times</u>; also that I agree with almost everything you have said except (a minor matter) that I do not entertain your high regard for Sumner's work. This, so far as I have read his publications, strikes me as highly superficial. He usually sets out to do something worth while and ends with a feeble, half-digested conclusion. However, this is aside from the point of your article.

You and I seem to agree that the <u>degree of difference</u> should be our criterion in dealing with subspecies, and your additional remark that the <u>personal equation</u> figures in any plan expresses the terrible truth, for no group of naturalists will ever agree as to just how much difference is necessary--and unhappily minor differences are unmeasurable.

Dr. Witmer Stone
Philadelphia, Penna.
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One of your remarks makes me smile, namely, "that we try to give an object a name by which it may always be known and then continually change that name"!

You amaze me greatly by saying that the Yellow-billed Magpie has ever been regarded as a <u>subspecies</u>! No one familiar with this bird in life in spring and early summer could ever think of such a thing as calling it a subspecies of the Great Plains Magpie. Many times during the past two years I have seen great flocks of these birds at close quarters--flocks numbering in several cases from 100 to 200, and in one instance more than 200. In the opinion of most eastern Ornithologists <u>the yellow bill</u> seems to be the distinctive mark, but the most striking difference is the <u>bright yellow side of the face</u>, which in many lights is much more conspicuous than the yellow bill. To consider the Yellow-billed Magpie a subspecies of the Great Basin species could be possible only in the case of persons who have never seen the bird in life--another example of the pernicious result of knowing birds from dry skins only.

With best regards to Mrs. Stone and yourself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 14, 1935

Mr. Lewis M. Milbourne, Acting Collector
Treasury Department
Internal Revenue Service
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Jan. 12, inst. in reference to IT:R-211, Account 600500, would say that I have looked over my accounts and enclose herewith the statement of bond holdings requested, which I trust is correct.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam

Bonds Owned by C. Hart Merriam in 1933

1919 Sixteenth St, Washington, D.C.

Debtor Corporation	Maturity	Rate	Interest Rec'd
1000 C M & St Paul	1989	4s	$ 40.00
1000 Conn Ry & Ltg	1951	4½s	45.00
1000 Del & Hud	1943	4s	40.00
1000 Ill Cent Lv Div	1953	3½s	35.00
2000 NY NH & H	1954	3½s	70.00
1000 U P	1947	4s	40.00
1000 So Ry	1994	5s	50.00
1000 So Calif Gas	1961	4½s	45.00
1000 So Calif Edison	1939	5s	50.00
1000 P G & E	1941	6s	60.00
			$ 475.00

January 17, 1935

Dauber ad Pine Bookshops
66 Fifth Ave., New York City

Dear Sirs:

Please send me by express collect The American Naturalist magazine, 1868-1872 (6 vols.) as listed in your January 1935 Catalogue No.163 under 1025 Natural History.

Very truly yours, January 24, 1935

Mr. C. B. Lastreto
Audubon Association of the Pacific
260 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Lastreto,

Enclosed herewith find one dollar for which please send me four copies of your publication, "Birds of Marin County", by Laura A. Stephens and Cornelia C. Pringle, price twenty-five cents a copy.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

January 17, 1935

Mr. J. Cecil Alter
Utah State Historical Society
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

Thanks for Vol.6 of your valuable Historical Quarterly received today ($1.00). It contains many articles of interest to me, particularly those on Indians. In addition to this I should like to purchase another complete set, Vols. 1 to 6, inclusive ($6.00) for which my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $7.00 is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

February 1, 1935

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of January 1935, amounting to $55.66, also vouchers for Jean L. Carr for services as secretary-stenographer January 1-31, $145.00, and Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield for services as stenographer-assistant January 1-31, $131.00, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, N W, Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for January 10-31 1935

1935					Sub Voucher	
Jan.	10	Utah State Quarterlies, Vols. 1-6				7 00
	11	Typewriter pad				1 00
	12	Allens Press Clippings for December			1	4 59
	12	Robert J. Casey, "Easter Island"				1 00
	12	Martin Johnson, "Congorilla"				1 00
	18	Charles R. Knight, "Before the Dawn of History"				2 50
	21	Office Supplies-ink, thread, envelopes				1 12
	21	Box Reeves Water Colour Paints (No.73)				2 50
	25	Tamalpais Conservation Club Pubs. for 1935			2	1 00
	25	Dauber & Pine Bookshop, "Am. Naturalist" Vols.1-6			3	15 00
	31	Potomac Electric Power, Jan.1935	$ 5.90	1/3	4	1 97
	31	Gas, Dec.20-Jan.21, 1935	8.87	1/3	5	2 96
	31	Fuel Oil for Jan. 1935	38.58	1/3	12	86
	31	Telephone, Jan.26-Feb.25 1935	5.66	1/3	7	1 89
	31	Taxi and Carfares				1 20
	31	Edith Struthers, cleaning office quarters Jan.			8	5 00
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February 1, 1935

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of January 1935, amounting to $53.66, also vouchers for Jean L. Carr for services as secretary-stenographer January 1-31, $145.00, and Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield for services as stenographer-assistant January 1-31, $135.00, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, N W, Washington, D.C.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

February 1, 1935

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor,

Many thanks for letting me know about the Easter Island pictures to be shown by Dr. Gilbert Rahm at the National Geographic Society headquarters on Monday afternoon, February 4th, at four o'clock.

Having read much about Easter Island, including Robert J. Casey's recent book, and feeling that very much more is to be learned, I shall be particularly glad to see Dr. Rahm's pictures and hear what he has to say. The subject is of more than ordinary anthropologic interest and I am anxious to learn as much as possible about the early inhabitants of this remarkable island.

To my mind the fact that prehistoric navigators were able with their big home-made canoes to traverse thousands of miles of open ocean and discover and inhabit these storm-swept islands has an important bearing on the original human inhabitants of South America.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 7, 1935

Dr. H. Clare Shepardson
Fitzhugh Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor Shepardson:

About the middle of November you wrote me that my blood test of 178 seemed to satisfy you. Later on I sent you a blood test of 170. Herewith I am enclosing the latest, which to my amazement reads 153. If this is correct maybe I had better begin to eat sugar between meals!

Incidentally, the deep snow we have been under for some time past is melting rapidly, for which we are not sorry.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 8, 1935

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

One of the greatest surprises of my life was your letter of December 17, informing me of the astonishingly generous gift by the Board of Trustees of the National Geographic Society to each of the four survivors of those of us who incorporated the Society forty-seven years ago--namely, Gen. A.W. Greely, Dr. C.H. Tittman, Prof. J. Howard Gore, and myself.

For more than fifty years I have served on the Governing Boards of various Scientific Societies and in the past have delivered many lectures to their audiences, but up to the present time have never accepted compensation therefor. Hence, when you told me of the action of the Geographic Board I at first felt that I must decline, but on further consideration have decided to accept.

My reason for accepting is that I am now able to show my appreciation by presenting to the National Geographic Society the following materials:

1. Two series of unique photographs, taken by myself, of Indians wearing the wonderful ceremonial feather

costumes that constitute the spectacular setting of the sacred rites of some of the California Indian tribes--in this case of tribes of different linguistic stocks--the Shotea Pomo, in 1907, and the Western Wintoon in 1923.

Years ago, when I had shown some of these pictures at one of the never-to-be-forgotten Wednesday evening gatherings at the home of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, you spoke of the desirability of reproducing them in the Geographic Magazine. I replied, as you may recall, that I had promised the Indians in return for the privilege of taking the pictures that I would not publish them during the lifetimes of the actors. The actors are now dead--the ceremonies extinct--the costumes no longer in existence, so that I am exonerated from further secrecy.

And I am loaning to the Society, as guides for coloring, my colored photographs of the sacred costumes, made by my daughter Zenaida--now Mrs. M.W. Talbot--who in both cases was with me in the roundhouses during the nights of the ceremonies and then and there made these color sketches of the unique and startling costumes.

Such ceremonies as these photographs represent are worth going a long way to see. The bright-colored costumes are by no means the only features of interest. The rhythmic pulsating of the hollow-log drum, accompanied by the beating of bare feet on the ground, the blowing of the bone

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whistles, and the long-continued vigor and agility of the actors hold one's attention hour after hour.

It is impossible for persons who have not witnessed these or other sacred Indian ceremonies to realize the intense religious fervor of the impersonators.

While one of the ceremonies was in progress an uninvited ex-preacher arrived, bringing a professional photographer with his big tripod and moving picture outfit. He was forbidden to take pictures, but nevertheless set up his camera and exposed a full roll of film. By order of the chief, the Indians closed in on him and despite his protest forced him to take out the film, which was then given to the Indian children to play horse with.

2. I present also to the library of the Society my series of geographic and miscellaneous files, consisting of materials from various sources relating to the Western States, Canada, Artic America, and various foreign countries--the accumulation of a lifetime. This material now fills six four-drawer file cases (in all, 24 drawers), footing up to about 350 feet of shelf room. Two of these files--those relating to California--I am still using and therefore withhold for the present--to be turned over to you later.

Herewith I am loaning the National Geographic Society the fifty-two negatives which I took during the Grindstone Creek Western Wintoon ceremony in May 1923.

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When you have made such prints as you may desire from these, kindly return the negatives. Then I will loan you the negatives of the Stony Ford Shotea Pomo sacred ceremony of 1907--perhaps my most precious possession.

In closing, I want to express my deep appreciation of the generous action of the Board--due no doubt to your personal sympathies--in behalf of the surviving founders of the National Geographic Society.

With appreciative regards.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 8, 1935

Miss Carolyn Sheldon
431 Highland Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Carolyn:

Sometimes things happen that are most disconcerting. Such seems to have been the case with your most welcome and interesting letter about Zapus and Napaeozapus.

After reading it to Mrs. Merriam I put it in the tray on my desk with other letters to be answered promptly, expecting to write you in a day or two. But unhappily, some evil genius made away with it, and although I have searched in various files and corners nearly every day since, no sign of it has been discovered. I beg a thousand pardons and hasten to express my appreciation and my joy at receiving a letter from you after so long an interval. Your persistent studies of the long-tailed jumpers and other little-known beasts have added much to previous knowledge. I congratulate you thereon.

I have often heard of you in connection with your various museum duties and had hoped that on some sunshiny day you might again drop in on us in Washington. It is years since I have seen any of you, and I had almost lost

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track of your mother when Florence told me of her new home--a home which would seem to afford limitless opportunities for enjoying real country life and at the same time for making natural history observations.

During the past years I have been so overwhelmingly busy in collecting the languages and other information from more than a hundred tribes of California and Nevada Indians that I have had no time for natural history work--except such as noted in passing to and fro through the valleys and mountains of that wonderful country.

Zenaida, before her marriage, used to accompany me in my Indian work and was most helpful, especially since she has the happy faculty of homologizing with Indians without ruffling their feelings. But since the birth of her little boy four and a half years ago she has not been able to go with me except on a single trip, a trip on which in my little old Ford we crossed the High Sierra in the snow of Sonora Pass and journeyed southward to Mono Lake and continued south to the desert; then turning into Kern Valley and climbling part way up the Tehachapi Mountains we worked with a little-known tribe, and thence home by way of the high Kern Pass and the long San Joaquin Valley.

Zenaida had planned to come east in the spring for a little visit with Dorothy in Cambridge and with us in Washington, but learning that I must return to California

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early in April she has shifted her plans and now expects to start on the sixteenth of this month, bringing her little four and a half year old boy, Lee.

With much love and repeated apologies for my delay in acknowledging your letter, and with kindest regards to your mother when you write.

As ever yours,

Charles K. Thornton

February 25, 1935

Miss Carolyn Sheldon
431 Highland Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Carolyn:

An interesting article on Zapus trinotatus has just come to hand in the January number of the Murrelet. Knowing your interest in the group I am sending it to you herewith--not to be returned.

With best wishes,

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February 11, 1935

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Appreciative thanks for your recent revised paper on the Life Zones of California, including a fine colored map. This will be useful to very many people.

I notice that you include Salinas Valley in the Lower Sonora. On and off for more than thirty years I have done a good deal of work in the valley and have failed to find Lower Sonoran forms. Owing to the circumstance that its north end faces Monterey Bay it receives enormous masses of fog which, carried by the northwest wind, fill the valley to such a depth that on looking down on it from the Santa Lucia and other mountains on the west it is completely hidden by fog. As a natural result, while it has hot days, it is normally a cold valley and its species seem to be Upper Sonoran.

Another thing that I do not fully appreciate is the introduction of an Upper Sonoran strip between the Santa Lucias and the coast. I have crossed this strip many times during past years and failed to observe enough Upper Sonoran forms to justify putting any worthwhile part of it in

this Zone. I regard the whole mountain area between Salinas Valley and the coast as distinctly Upper Sonoran with a tinge of Boreal on the higher mountains.

However, barring a few details your map is a great advance over previous exhibits of California's Life Zones and cannot fail to be most helpful to all who recognize these Zones as of primary importance in studies of animal and plant distribution.

The January number of the Journal of the Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire arrived this morning. In it I am gratified to find your admirable article on the Natural Balance of Wild Life in National Parks. I have read it with deep interest and heartiest approval. Have you any separates of this article?

A few evenings ago we had the pleasure of having your daughter with us and hope to see more of her later. She seems deeply interested in her library work, which means of course that she is making good.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 11, 1935

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

By same mail I am sending a separate of my article on the Laws of Temperature Control published in 1894, and also a separate of my Bears of America, from the records of North American Big Game, 1932.

This latter article was so unsatisfactory to me that I withheld the separates. It was really only the introduction to an article which I wrote by request for the Boone and Crockett Club book of 1892. Just before sending the manuscript the editor wrote me that it must be restricted to a certain number of words. I therefore cut out everything beyond what is here published and was so much disgusted with the whole affair that I withheld the separates. However, you may be interested in this fragment.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Isabel T. Kelly
Department of Anthropology
University of California
Berkeley, California

February 11, 1935

Dear Miss Kelly:

Your paper on the Southern Paiute bands of Nevada and southwestern Utah with the accompanying map was received with much interest more than a month ago. Evidently you spent much time in gathering this information.

Having traversed every area outlined by you north of the Grand Canyon, except Kaiparowits, Gunlock, and Beaver, I am naturally interested in the outcome of your investigations.

I regret that I did not meet you in person at Moapa where you arrived only a day or so after my departure. After leaving Moapa I worked with the Shivvits in southern Utah and the Kivavvits in northern Arizona. I had seen a band of Shivvits in the spring of 1891 but did no work with them. In the same year (1891) I traversed Pahranagat Valley and visited the lake of that name--but found no Indians there.

You were a courageous woman to invade that region of arid deserts, forested mountains, and tremendous cliffs, and it must give you a feeling of satisfaction to have made the only contribution to its Indian lore (except those by Dr. William R. Palmer) since the days of the daring Major Powell.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 19, 1935

Mr. M. W. Talbot
2590 Cedar Street
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Tally:

To my great surprise I have just received a bill of $30. for covering our garage roof at Lagunitas with boards and new roofing material, presumably tar.

The contractor as you may remember was to have done the job a month or more before we left Lagunitas but kept putting it off, and I had not thought he would by any possibility do it in my absence, but from his bill it appears that he has done the job. I shall delay payment until I hear from you. ¶ So some rainy Sunday when you have nothing else to do [!] kindly take a run up there and let me know how it looks. He was to re-cover the entire roof.

We strongly suspect that we shall see the touring part of your family in the very near future--doubtless within a couple of days, whereupon great joy will fill the bosoms of the Merriam family.

Fortunately our snow has at last departed and we hope it will not repeat itself while the California contingent is with us.

I hate to bother you to make another trip to our empty house at Lagunitas--and really there is no hurry. So long as the man didn't come when he agreed to, there appears to be no reason why he can't wait for his pay.

Best love from Ma and her old man,

Yrs as ever & always
Dad

February 20, 1935

Dr. Charles V. Noback
New York Zoological Society
New York City

My dear Sir:

In the January-February number of the Zoological Society's Bulletin just received I have been much interested in your account of the seasonal moult of the New York Weasel Mustela noveboracensis. But I am astonished at your statement that the animal you were observing was only "about eight inches long".

Is this not a misprint? The small size would seem to indicate the Least Weasel. Did you really mean the Least Weasel or was this a slip of the pen for Mustela noveboracensis?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 25, 1935

Dr. W. B. Bell, Acting Chief
Bureau of Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Bell:

Replying to your letter of the 21st inst. in regard to the informal banquet of the Biological Survey to be held at the Roosevelt Hotel on the evening of February 27, would say that Mrs. Merriam and myself shall be glad to be present and also to bring our daughter, Mrs. Zenaida M. Talbot, just arrived from California--as I phoned you a few minutes ago.

Furthermore, as just arranged by phone, I shall be glad to make a few remarks on events leading to the formation of the Survey, which I trust may be of interest to members of the Survey.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

February 25, 1935

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

My daughter Zenaida (now Mrs. Z. M. Talbot) has just arrived from California and would be very glad to be present at the informal lunch to meet Miss Amelia Earhart at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March second.

Would it be practicable to add her name to those invited for this occasion?

Very truly yours,

February 25, 1935

Mr. Claude W. Hibbard
Dyche Museum, Univ. of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hibbard:

Very many thanks for the separates of your mammal papers just received. I am very glad to see these, not only because of their intrinsic value but also as evidence of your activities in this field--which for the greater part of my life, has been my principal interest.

Very truly yours,

February 27, 1935

Auditor, D.C.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter with enclosures received and acknowledged by me July 12, 1934 from Lagunitas, Calif., I am now enclosing the voucher and blank, filled in as requested.

The original canceled check dated April 30, 1929 for $113.43 for the assessment involved was sent December 7, 1933 to the Auditor by request of the Property Survey Officer, B. Harrison. The rebate then received was $106.19.

Very truly yours,

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Dr. W. Reid Blair, Director
New York Zoological Park
New York City

Dear Doctor Blair:

Very many thanks for sending me the Zoological Society's brochure entitled "Gallery of Animal Paintings" containing reproductions of most interesting paintings by Carl Rungius, Charles R. Knight, and one or two others.

They certainly are a fine lot and I am very glad to own the album.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1935

Mr. Adolph M. Stebler
Museum of Zoology
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Stebler:

Your letter of February 2nd asking for separates of some of my mammal papers is at hand.

Just now I am too rushed to pick them out but will do so in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 2, 1935

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of February 1935, amounting to $68.64, also vouchers for Jean L. Carr for secretary-stenographer services, Feb. 1-28-$145.00, and Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield for stenographer-assistant services. Feb. 1-28-$125.00, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for February 1-28, 1935

1935					Vouchers	
Feb.	2	National Acad. of Sciences Pubs. for 1935				10 00
	2	Washington Acad. of Sciences Pubs for 1935				5 00
	9	Grinnell's Life Zones of Calif with Map, 4 copies				1 00
	12	Birds of Marin County, 4 copies				1 00
	13	American Museum of Nat. History Pubs. for 1935				3 00
	19	Repair of safe lock				5 00
	20	Grace Reichard's Spider Woman				3 50
	23	Science for 1935				6 00
	28	Redwood League of Calif. Pubs. for 1935				2 00
	28	Allen Press Clippings for Jan. 1935			1	3 96
	28	Office supplies: pencils, carbon paper, ruler				40
		Stamps and envelopes				2 43
		Paper cement and container				1 75
	28	Taxi and carfares				60
	28	Edith Strothers, cleaning office quarters, Feb.			2	5 00
	28	Telephone, Feb. 26-Mar.25.1935	$ 4.90	1/3	3	1 63
	28	Gas, Jan.20-Feb.20, 1935	7.70	1/3	4	2 57
	28	Pot. Elec. Current, Feb. 1935	5.52	1/3	5	1 84
	28	Fuel Oil, Feb. 1935	35.88	1/3		11 96
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March 6, 1935

Mr. Charles R. Owens
Standard Oil Company
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date would say that your deliveries of furnace oil have been entirely satisfactory and if all goes well I shall be glad of the same service next winter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 6, 1935

Mr. Ansel F. Hall
University California
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thanks for your letter of February 17 and for the copy of Hargrave's Archaeological Reconnaissance in the Rainbow Plateau country. It is good to have this paper and to know that it is to be followed by others. The illustrations are particularly informative to those of us who are short of time to read much text.

I appreciate your courtesy in placing my name on the list to receive exchange publications. In return I have little to offer in the ethnological line but shall be glad to send you a number of separates of zoological papers. Some of these will go to you in a day or two.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 6, 1935

Mr. L. L. Hargrave
Museum Northern Arizona
Flagstaff, Arizona

Dear Mr. Hargrave:

Your recent report on Archaeological Reconnaissance in the Rainbow Plateau area, of which a copy has recently reached me, proves of highest interest.

It is easy to see that you are doing a fine piece of work and I trust you and your associates may be able to continue for years to come. Your explorations, in connection with those of a few others in your chosen field, have completely revolutionized knowledge of the subject as it stood at the time of my field work in Arizona in 1899.

It is gratifying that the results of this work are being published in such good form.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 6, 1935

Hon. John Collier
Comm. Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collier:

In reading a book entitled 'Living Africa' by Bailey Willis, Professor of Geology in Stanford University, I was pleased to notice his statement that "Governor Cameron stands for the policy of restoration of native government among the blacks under carefully guarded direction by the whites".

In view of your own sensible policy to the same purpose I thought you might be interested.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1935

Standard Oil Co. N. J.
D. C. Division
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sirs:

In your statement of my account for Feb. 1935 the amount is $35.31. However, the total amount of the slips received at the time of deliveries during the month is $35.88

As my account is a Government account under the Smithsonian, it is necessary for me to send it in the first of each month, long before your statement is received. I shall be glad therefore if your bills could be sent on the first of the month.

If this is impracticable, can you not have the slips agree with the amount charged so I will not be made to send in Government bills that do not agree with the amount actually paid.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

My check for $35.31 is enclosed herewith, in payment of my account for February, 1935.

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1935

Dr. H. Clare Shepardson
Fitzhugh Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor Shepardson:

I am enclosing late reports on my blood sugar content and urinalysis, both of which seem to me to be highly satisfactory.

My weight on two public scales after breakfast this morning was 169 and 170, so all seems well.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

H. Ha[illegible]

March 15, 1935

Mr. Fred Lockley
4227 S.E. Stark Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Lockley:

Thanks for List 717, just received. From this I shall be glad to purchase:

Forty-Six Years in the Army by Gen. John M. Schofield, 1897, $3.50.

The Living Races of Mankind by H.N. Hutchinson, J. W. Gregory and R. Lydekker, two vols., $3.50.

Your list and my check for $7.00 are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 18, 1935

Mrs. C. C. Hall
345 Forest Avenue
Palo Alto, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Hall:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging the fine Apache basket which you were so kind as to send me a short time ago.

I intended to write you at once but your address on the wrapper disappeared and I have hunted for it in vain. Just now Mrs. Merriam confesses that she swiped it from my desk, intending to write you herself, for which reason please pardon my delay in acknowledgment.

The basket is an excellent and typical example of the most characteristic utensil of the Apache tribe, and I am very glad to have it.

With appreciative thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 18, 1935

Mr. Rudolph M. Anderson
National Museum
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me your recent graphic and valuable publication on the distribution, abundance, and importance of game and fur-bearing mammals of "Western" North America.

You surely have done a service to mammalogists, not to mention the large number of persons interested in general natural history both in Canada and the United States. But just why you limited your title to "Western" instead of Northern North America is not clear to me.

It is a fine thing to have so much information dug out of a great mass of more or less unhandy literature and brought together in such concise form.

With best wishes and many thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 29, 1935

Mr. Frank Stephens
Natural History Museum
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Stephens:

You will be surprised to hear from me after all these long years. I called on you once in San Diego but you were somewhere else. Am now writing to ask a question:

During the Death Valley Expedition days you visited Monache Meadows on the west side of the High Sierra north of Kern Valley.

The name 'Monache' is used by many Indians in southern Owens Valley, and also by some of those on the west slope of the Sierra, but I never succeeded in finding an Indian who could tell me just where the Indians live who claimed this name.

Lone Pine Indians say the Monache lived west of the Sierra, but I never could find any one on the west slope who knew just where.

I am wondering whether Monache Meadows is low enough to have been the home of any Indians, and if so, whether you have found any there.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Send answer to my summer home at Lagunitas, California.

March 29, 1935

Mr. Will C. Barnes
808 North Second Ave.
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Barnes:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 18 inst. telling what you have been doing all this long time. It is refreshing to know that you have perpetuated for the benefit of mankind in general and those of us who are interested in the West in particular, your most admirable and useful work--Arizona Place Names--a document badly needed and one that will never wear out.

Sorry we shall not be here when you arrive as we are expecting to go to California in the very near future. As you know, I am getting pretty old and feel the necessity of winding up my work with California Indians while still able to drive a car.

Late last fall Zenaida and I drove over Sonora Pass to Bridgeport and thence south through Owens Valley and back by way of Kern Canyon to the Bakersfield country, and north to our Lagunitas home.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Barnes and yourself. With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I have just ordered two copies of your Arizona Names so we may have one at each end of the line.

March 29, 1935

Prof. Angus M. Woodbury
University of Utah
Logan, Utah

Dear Professor Woodbury:

It was very good of you to send me a copy of your fine paper on the Biotic Relationships of Zion Canyon. I find it of much interest.

It is good also to know that some of our younger naturalists are qualified and interested enough to appreciate and recognize the Life Areas and Zones of our country, with a view to the points you have brought out.

I shall never forget our unexpected meeting at Zion several years ago, and if not so old would repeat the trip.

With congratulations and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Fred Lockley
4227 S. E. Stark St.
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Lockley:

Thanks for your numerous book lists which I am returning herewith.

In the future please bear in mind that I am NOT interested in miscellaneous books on the West but only on those relating to Indians and Mammals of California and Nevada. Also, that I am a very old man--too old to search through a lot of book titles in the hope, usually vain, of finding something in my line.

Very truly yours,

March 29, 1935

Mr. G. G. Goodwin
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your paper on the Mammals of Kazakstan, which I am very glad to add to my mammal library.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 29, 1935

Mr. H. E. Anthony
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Many thanks for your joint paper with Tate on South American Squirrels.

It is most satisfying to see these contributions to knowledge of the Mammal Fauna of South America, which for many years has been in such a state of uncertainty and about which so little is known.

Kindly present my thanks also to your associate, Mr. Tate.

Very truly yours,

March 29, 1935

Librarian
University Arizona
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for three dollars, for which kindly send me two copies of Barnes' Arizona Place Names which I believe you are about to publish.

If carriage is extra, let me know how much.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 29, 1935

Mr. Gustav Swanson
Soil Erosion Service
Spring Valley, Minn.

Dear Mr. Swanson:

Appreciative thanks for your interesting paper on the Least Weasel in Minnesota.

You are to be congratulated on having been able to make such an important contribution to our knowledge of this little-known beast.

In a few days I hope to send you some of my papers on Mammals.

Very truly yours,

March 29, 1935

Mr. Lyman L. Merriam
Lyons Falls, New York

Dear Lyman:

Thanks for the interesting clipping you were thoughtful enough to send me a few days ago. We have enjoyed it, but would have much preferred to see your good wife and yourself in person.

Replying to your inquiry, we hope to set out for California in about ten days and expect to see your beautiful daughter not long thereafter.

With love to you both from Elizabeth and myself,

As ever yours,
Hart

March 29, 1935

Dr. H. C. Bumpus
110 N. Madison Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Doctor Bumpus:

Last winter Dr. Philip King Brown wrote me that you were willing to operate on me for enlarged prostate. This pleased me very much and I had intended to write you earlier.

Now I am expecting to go to California about the 10th of April. If you are going to be in Pasadena about the middle of the month I shall be very glad to have you examine me and if everything is satisfactory, to operate.

Having passed my eightieth birthday I am no longer young but nevertheless am in fair physical condition. Last year I drove nearly a thousand miles in field work.

I remember you as a boy with your father on our special train to San Francisco at the time of the big Exposition.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Dr. Seth B. Benson
Museum Vertebrate Zoology
Ann Arbor, Michigan

April 5, 1935

Dear Dr. Benson:

Your paper on concealing coloration of desert rodents has given me much satisfaction. It is good for the up-growing generation of naturalists to have so many recent observations on record.

In reading it I find references to publications by several of my assistants and other naturalists but none to any of my own publications or to any of the numerous early writers on the subject. You may pardon my liberty therefore, in calling your attention to some remarks on protective coloration of Mammals in my Results of a Biological Survey of the San Francisco Mountain Region and Desert of the Little Colorado, Arizona, published in 1890--North American Fauna No. 3.

Page 52 under Tamias (now Ammospermophilus) leucurus cinnamomeus. "Specimens from the cedar belt are slightly darker than those from the desert.

"The Antelope Squirrel and its geographic races afford striking illustrations of the exhibition of two principles of color adaptation combined in the same individual. When at rest, the animal is seldom seen, its color and markings being in complete harmony with its surroundings, in obedience to the law of Protective coloration. But the instant it starts to run, the tail is elevated and its conspicuous white under-side is turned toward

the observer, forcing itself upon the eye whether on the lookout for it or not. This is an example of what Professor Todd has termed directive coloration, under which head are classed colors and markings which promote mutual recognition at a distance."

Page 55 Spermophilus spilosoma pratensis. "The form inhabiting the north park on the main mountain-side is typical of the new subspecies, its general color being dark russet-hazel, and its spots clearly defined. Specimens from the black lava beds along the lower edge of the pine zone are still darker, exhibiting the darkest phase of coloration yet observed in the species and are here named Spermophilus s. obsidianus. The form inhabiting the desert is very pale, and is here separated specifically under the name Spermophilus cryptospilotus, no intermediate forms having been discovered in the intervening region. In fact, the transition from the nearly black soil resulting from the decomposition of the trachyte and basalt of the lava beds to the light soil of the desert is so abrupt that there is no suitable place for intergrades to occur. Protective coloration is almost as marked in this group as in the Horned Toads (Phrynosoma)of the same region." [See also p. 57.]

Page 56 Spermophilus spilosoma obsidianus. "The Dusky Spermophile is a dark form of the Spotted Spermophile group. It inhabits the disintegrated lava soil of the cedar belt, and its relation to S. cryptospilotus of the Painted Desert is precisely the same as that of Onychomys fuliginosus to Onychomys pallescens,

both being striking illustrations of the law of color adaptation. Its relation to Spermophilus spilosoma pratensis of the parks in the pine belt is very close, and it may be regarded as a dark form of that animal. It is highly probable that the specimens here described do not represent the darkest phase of the subspecies, as they were taken in the upper edge of the cedar belt where the soil is not nearly so black as in many other places."

Page 59 Onychomys fuliginosus. "This new species of Scorpion Mouse inhabits the pinon and cedar belt and the lava beds between San Francisco Mts. and the Desert of the Little Colorado, where its dark, almost blackish coloration, unique in the genus, is in as complete accord with the prevailing color of the decomposed lava and 'malpais' soil on which it lives as the pallid-cinnamon tints of its congener of the Painted Desert are with its environment. The two forms, though inhabiting adjoining areas, exhibit the extremes of color variation at present known in the genus; yet it is clear that both sprang from a common ancestor in very recent times, for the region which they inhabit was only recently (geologically speaking) rendered habitable for any member of the group.....Therefore the differentiation must have taken place subsequent to the invasion of the region by the parent form, the well-known laws of protective coloration operating to clothe the colonies which made their homes respectively on the light sandy desert, and in the black lava beds, with garbs which harmonized best with their distinctive surroundings. Nearly parallel cases occur in the Spermophilus spilosoma group, the Perognathus flavus group, and the Thomomys group inhabiting the same region. Better

examples of color adaptation to environment would be hard to find."

Page 74 Perognathus fuliginosus. "The Dusky Pocket Mouse is a dark form of Perognathus flavus, inhabiting the lava beds. It is modified in the same manner and for the same reason as Onychomys fuliginosus, and the remarks under the head of the latter species apply equally well to the present."

Page 76 Lepus texianus. "Jack Rabbits are common throughout the upper levels of the Little Colorado Desert and in the pinon and cedar belt. During the intense heat of the day we frequently started them from their hiding places under the low branches of junipers or in tufts of greasewood. At such times they remain absolutely motionless, squatting close to the ground with their long ears laid flat upon their backs. When in this position their colors harmonize so well with their surroundings that they are rarely seen until they start with a great bound and gallop swiftly away."

And Doctor Stejneger in his chapter on the Reptiles of the same expedition, writes (p.114) "In the cedar and pine belts of the San Francisco Mountain the dark brown color of the soil and stones covering the surface is closely matched by the ground color of the Phrynosomas, while the greenish gray and orange colored markings which somewhat irregularly adorn their backs are perfect imitations of the lichens covering the rocks and pebbles among which these odd-looking creatures live. Near the rim of the Grand Canon of the Colorado, on the other hand, the ground is covered with small pebbles of variously colored sandstone, ranging from a clayey white to brick red and dark brown,

and the specimen which I collected there (No. 15724) is such a faithful reproduction of the surroundings that it would undoubtedly have remained undetected had it not been moving. Even more remarkable are the specimens which Dr. Merriam collected in the black lava belt east and northeast of the mountain. One of these (No.15815) was brought to camp alive, enabling me to make the following description of the fresh colors: 'Ground color of upper side, including head, satiny black; light markings on median third of body dull "Naples yellow", abruptly changing into the yellow ochre of those on the sides; tips of most lateral spines white; tips of largest cephalic spines marbled with ochre; under side yellowish white, densely marbled with blackish; collar, light ochre yellow'. In these specimens even the gloss of the black lava was imitated."

But, so far as the fact of simple protective coloration is concerned there is nothing new about these observations save the mention of specific cases, for articles on Protective Coloration have appeared at intervals for nearly eighty years--as you will see from the accompanying fragmentary list.

Canon Henry Baker Tristram, a keen naturalist who traveled extensively in Northern Africa in 1857 and 1858, remarks: "In the desert, where neither trees, brushwood, nor even undulations of the surface afford the slightest protection to its foes, a modification of color which shall be assimilated to that of the surrounding country is absolutely necessary. Hence, without exception the upper plumage of every bird, whether lark, chat, sylvain, or sand-grouse, and also the fur of all the smaller mammals, and the

skin of all the snakes and lizards, is of one uniform isabelline or sand color". (Ibis Journal of Ornithology, London, pp.429-433, 1859).

The principle of coloring for recognition appears to have been first stated by Alfred Russel Wallace in his article on "The Colours of Animals and Plants" in the Macmillan's Magazine, Sept.-Oct. 1877, and more fully in his volume on Tropical Nature (Macmillan & Co. London. 1878) in which he gives the following classification (p.172):

Animals
1. Protective colors.
   a. Of creatures specially protected.
   b. Of defenseless creatures mimicking a.
2. Warning colors.
3. Sexual colors.
4. Typical colors. [Name changed in 1891 to 'Normal Colors']

Plants 5. Attractive colors.

Wallace does not include Recognition Marks as a heading in this classification, but in the text gives a subheading entitled **Recognition Colours** under which he refers to birds and insects and mentions Darwin's example of the upturned white tail of the Rabbit. Had he been more familiar with mammals he might have mentioned many other equally striking examples.

Some years later in his important work on Natural Selection entitled 'Darwinism' Wallace had much to say on various phases of animal coloration., Under the head of Environment he states: "White prevails among arctic animals; yellow or brown in desert species; while green is only a common color in tropical evergreen forests....In the arctic regions there are a number of animals

which are wholly white all the year round, or which only turn white in winter....Those which are permanently white remain among the snow nearly all the year round, while those which change their color inhabit regions which are free from snow in summer...

"In the desert regions of the earth we find an even more general accordance of color with surroundings...Birds are equally well protected by assimilative hues; the larks, quails, goatsuckers, and grouse which abound in the North African and Asiatic deserts are all tinted or mottled so as closely to resemble the average color of the soil in the districts they inhabit"-Darwinism,p.190.1890.

While the presence of a special type of protetive coloration among ground-dwelling mammals, birds, and reptiles has long been known, as may be seen by the accompanying list of titles, it remained for a New England artist--the late Abbott Thayer--in 1896, to recognize and demonstrate the means by which it is brought about.

Thayer's personal observation of shore birds led him to notice that protectively colored birds had pale or whitish underparts shading into the color of the sides. He soon grasped the previously overlooked fact that it was this graduated shading from dark to white, counteracting the shadow of the bird, that produced the invisibility of ground-dwelling kinds.

Never in all my long life have I seen a more convincing proof than that afforded by the Thayer models. Starting with mounted specimens of ground-dwelling birds with whitish bellies, Thayer darkened their underparts and stood them on the ground, with normal backgrounds. They at once became strikingly conspicuous--standing out so boldly that no one could help seeing them.

Then, by simply wiping off the dark pigment he had put on the underparts, the birds instantly disappeared and the most intense scrutiny was necessary to detect them! It was an amazing--yes, thrilling--demonstration.

Abbott Thayer made exhibitions of this kind in the presence of many naturalists in Washington, New York, Cambridge, and Chicago in the United States, and in museums in London, Oxford, and Cambridge, England, thereby demonstrating to various audiences his discovery that the graduated shading of the underparts is the prime factor in enabling ground-dwelling birds, mammals, and reptiles to escape observation.

Models demonstrating this principle were, and probably still are, on exhibition in several museums--notably the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and the natural history museums of London, Oxford, and Cambridge.

Some years ago I lectured on Concealing Coloration, illustrated by colored lantern slides, at San Francisco, Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley, and many places in the East.

A brief list of important publications on Protective Coloration is appended, and in a few days I expect to send you some of my papers on mammals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

EARLY PUBLICATIONS ON PROTECTIVE COLORATION IN ANIMALS

1817 Kirby and Spence, Mimicry (Intro. to Entomology, London)

1859 Canon Henry Baker Tristram, Protective Colors (Ibis Journal of Ornithology. 1859)

1862 H. W. Bates, Mimicry (Trans. Linn. Soc. Vol.23)

1866 Alfred Russel Wallace, Mimicry, Butterflies (Trans. Linn. Soc. Vol. 25)

1867 A. R. Wallace, Warning Colors (Proc. Ent. Soc. London p.80)

1869 A. R. Wallace, Insects (Trans. Ent. Soc. London, pp. 21-7)

1870 Roland Trimen, Mimicry, Africa (Trans. Linn. Soc. Vol. 26)

1874 Charles Darwin, Sexual Selection (Descent of Man, London)

1877 A. R. Wallace, 'Colors of Animals and Plants' (Macmillan's Mag. Sept-Oct 1877)

1878 A. R. Wallace, (Tropical Nature, London)

1879 Fritz Muller, Insects (Proc. Ent. Soc. London p.20)

1882 R. Meldola, Mimicry (Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist. Vol. 10)

1883 F. Moore, Mimicry (Proc. Zool. Soc. 1883 p. 201)

1886 W. Muller, Insects (Zool. Jahr. J.W.Spengel, Jena)

1887 Charles Darwin, Warning Colors (Life and Letters)

1887 E. B. Poulton, (Trans. Ent. Soc. London 1887, 1888, 1892) (Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1887) (Linn. Soc. Journ. 1898)

1888 T. Belt, Cryptic Coloring (Naturalist in Nicaragua, London)

1889 F. Galton, Zebra (South Africa, London)

1889 A. R. Wallace, Mimicry (Darwinism)

1896 Abbott Thayer, Concealing Colors (Auk Vol. 13)

1897 Abbott Thayer, 'The Law Which Underlies Protective Coloration' (Ann. Rep. Smithsonian Institution 1897)

April 5, 1935

Mr. Harry Allen
Allen's Press Clippings
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

In a few days I am leaving Washington for Lagunitas. Hereafter please send clippings to my summer address--Lagunitas, California.

For some time past several of your sendings have had no relation to my work--have contained nothing that I could find of any bearing on California Indians or Mountain Lions. A few of the more recent of these I am returning herewith so that you may show them to the assistant who sends them.

My check for $4.10 for the March account is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 5, 1935

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of March 1935, amounting to $176.65; also vouchers for Jean L. Carr for secretary-stenographer services, March 1-30-$145.00, and Mrs. Ruby B. Schofield for stenographer-assistant services March 1-April 5-$145.85, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St. Washington, D.C.

1935 **Expense Account for March 1935**

March		San Geronimo Water Co. Marin County Calif.	$15.00	1/3		5 00
		Western Soc. of Naturalists, LaJolla Calif.				1 00
		Fred Lockley, Living Races of Mankind, 2 Vol.				7 00
		Pac. Bird & Mammal Soc. Pubs. 1935				2 00
		Calif. Hist. Soc. Pubs. 1935				10 00
		Barnes Place Names of Arizona. 2 copies				3 00
	14	Allen Press Clippings for February 1935			1	4 66
	20	American Folk Lore Soc. Pubs. 1935			2	6 50
	30	Edith Strothers, cleaning office quarters, March			3	5 00
	30	Taxi and carfares				2 50
	30	Office supplies: 10 paper clamps and pencils				90
		Bookends, 4 pairs				1 20
	30	Telephone, March 25-April 25, 1935	$7.96	1/3 $2.65	4	
		Less refund on tel. service chrg.	4.26	1/3 1.42		1 23
	30	Gas, February 20-March 20, 1935	8.63	1/3	5	2 88
	30	Potomac Elec Current, March 1935	5.17	1/3	6	1 72
	30	Fuel Oil for March 1935	25.38	1/3	7	8 46
April	1	Columbia Photo Supply Co: Rolleiflex camera #287432			8	106 50
	1	Ten rolls film # 120			8	3 00
	5	Allen Press Clippings for March 1935				4 10
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April 5, 1935

Standard Oil Co. of N.J.
St. Paul and Franklin Sts.
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for fuel oil for the month of March as per your statement received today, amounting to $25.38.

Please send April bill addressed to me at Lagunitas, California as I am closing my house here in a few days.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 6, 1935

Standard Oil Co. N. J.
St. Paul and Franklin Sts.
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find my check for $9.06 in payment of my account for April as per invoice No. 1692 received today.

Please receipt this invoice and return to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 6, 1935

[redacted]
American Museum Natural History
77th Street and Central Park W.
New York City

Dear Mr. Hatt:

Please change my address for Natural History and also for the Journal of Mammalogy from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C. to Lagunitas, California, for the summer, changing back to Washington with the October number.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Similar letters sent April 6, 1935 to the following:

National Geographic Magazine
Washington, D. C.

American Anthropologist
450 Ahnaip Street
Menasha, Wisconsin

San Diego Soc. Nat. Hist.
San Diego, Calif.

American Forests
1713 K Street
Washington, D.C.

Indians at Work
Comm. Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Nature Magazine
1214 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.

Science & Scientific Monthly
Grand Central Terminal
New York City

Literary Digest
354 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Museum Notes
Flagstaff, Arizona

April 8, 1935

Dr. Seth B. Benson
Museum of Zoology
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Doctor Benson:

Herewith I am sending you a batch of my mammal papers, among which I trust you will find some of interest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Similar letters also sent April 8, 1935 to the following:

Adolph M. Stebler
and
W. H. Burt
Museum of Zoology
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ansel F. Hall
Univ. Calif.
Berkeley, Calif.

Gustav Swanson
Soil Erosion Service
Spring Valley
Minnesota

April 8, 1935

Mr. Robert Turner
Pioneer Hall, Univ. Minn.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Turner:

Your letter of April 1st is before me. The numerous questions you ask would take a long time to answer and I'm going to California this week. But your letter shows that you are counting on an utterly impossible way of becoming a naturalist.

There are some things one cannot learn from books--a knowledge of mammals is one of them. The only way I know of to study mammals is to go into the fields and forests with a bag full of traps and set them in appropriate places. Follow this by getting up at daylight, visiting the traps, taking out the catch, and skinning it--and by skinning I don't mean merely taking off the hide, but also measuring, skinning, labeling, and making up the skin into a proper museum specimen. The skull of course should be properly cleaned and labeled and given the same number as is attached to the skin.

When you have done this for a few years you will have learned your first lesson in mammalogy, and will have learned whether or not you have enough interest in the subject to amount to anything in that line.

You speak of mastering this and comparative anatomy by courses in Zoology, with a little extra study. This to me is a novel idea--something like studying astronomy through one's bedroom window, or learning to swim by going through certain motions in a gymnasium.

It is said that a naturalist is born, not made. This is an indisputable truth. If you have the desire deep enough to prompt you to do the necessary work you are likely to succeed. Otherwise you might as well study the catechism and become a priest.

If you go to Juneau, Alaska, you will be in a fair collecting ground for both birds and mammals; but by all means first fit yourself for the work by trapping, skinning, and labeling as many specimens of mammals and birds as possible.

I am just packing for my season's field work in California and cannot stop to answer more of your detailed questions, most of which strike me as wide of the mark since you fail to realize that the only way to become a naturalist is to begin by collecting specimens in the field.

With best wishes, and kind regards to Dr. Roberts.

Very truly yours,

April 10, 1935

Dr. H. C. Bumpus, Jr.
112 North Madison Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Doctor Bumpus:

Your letter reached me promptly and I am very glad to know that you will attend to me when I reach Pasadena.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Merriam has been confined to bed for three or four days and although now on the mend I foresee that I shall not be able to reach you by the middle of this month as planned. I expect to be there by or before April 20.

Will write you again as soon as Mrs. Merriam is able to travel.

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1935

Lang Realty Corp.
39 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of April 5th, forwarded from Lagunitas, has just arrived.

Yes, I shall be glad to have you duplicate the insurance you attended to for me about a year ago.

I do not expect to reach Lagunitas until about the end of the present month.

Very truly yours,

April 10, 1935

Dear Barbara: Norton

Please forgive me for not acknowledging your letter of March 13th, which in the rush got snowed under. Thanks for the clipping.

Zenaida's boy, Lee, caught cold a few days ago but is now recovering. He is an astonishing kid for his years. Zenaida took him to Cambridge for a little visit with Dorothy. She is back with us now and we all hope to start for California in a few days.

With love from all of us,

C. Hart Merriam

19 Blackthorn Lane
White Plains, N. Y.

Washington

April 10, 1935

Mr. Frank Stephens
3746 Park Blvd.
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 4th inst., just received. The information you give me in regard to Monache Meadows, and the apparent certainty that no Indians ever lived there except for temporary summer camping is exactly the information I was in need of.

It is good to know that you, although six years older than I, are still in such good physical and mental condition.

I expect to visit San Diego during the coming season and shall be only too glad to meet you and Mrs. Stephens.

Very truly yours,

May 8, 1935

Lagunitas

Dr. C. A. Abbot, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Will you kindly have sent me at my summer address, Lagunitas, Marin County, California, two copies of the Boscana Account by John P. Harrington published in the Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, vol. 92, no. 4 (June 1934?).

Very truly yours,

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C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Expense Account for April 1935

April	5	Washington, D.C.: Fuel Oil, April 1935	$ 9.06 1/3		3 02
	15	Columbia Photo Supply Co. photo enlargements		1	4 20
	15	Edith Brothers, cleaning office, April 1-15		2	2 50
	16	Stockett-Fiske Co. blank journal		3	1 65
		Stamped envelopes:$2.4; postage & express: $2.29		4	3 11
		Taxis and carfares to April 15			1 60
	15-19	Traveling Expenses: Washington to San Francisco D.C.:			
		R.R.ticket D.C.-San Francisco and return			160 60
		Pullman stateroom D.C. to S.F.	$ 74.00 1/2		37 00
		Meals on train: $11.0?; pullman porters: 1.50			12 50
		Baggage transfers: D.C. 1.50; Calif. $2.00			3 50
		C. Carr:			
		R.R.ticket D.C.-San Francisco and return			160 60
		Pullman berth D.C. to San Francisco			21 38
		Meals on train: $3.00; baggage transfer $.50			3 50
	19	Auto tax, Marin County, Calif.			
		License fee, auto: $2.00; Notary fee: .50			2 33
	20	Lunair Garage, Berkeley: Car storage Nov.16 - Apr.1935			3 50
	21	Lamb Realty Corp. Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co. employees compensation insurance, Apr.15-Nov.1 Policy No. XSC-13336			18 00
					15 00
		Balance carried forward			459 99

C. Hart Merriam

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Expense Account for April 1935 Page 2

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April	21	R.R.fare San Francisco-Los Angeles, ret.			18 55
	21	Pullman bedroom, S.F.-L.A. ret.		5	10 80
		Meals: Apr.21-23: $4.50; porter: $.50			5 00
		Taxis & carfare Los Angeles-Pasadena & ret.			2 30
		Maryland Hotel, Pasadena		6	5 56
		Telegrams:			
	22	Los Angeles to J. Carr, Yellow Springs, Ohio			1 26
	25	Berkeley to J. Carr, Yellow Springs, Ohio			1 26
	25	J. Carr, Yellow Springs, Ohio to C.H.M. Berkeley			1 26
	30	San Rafael to Fidelity Storage Co. Washington			1 00
	26	Richmond-San Rafael ferry, Car, self & asst.			1 00
	26	Eric H. Swenson Co. Kodak rolls and enlargements		7	1 02
	25	John M. Olney, Ford dealer, Berkeley: 1-New Ford V8 Touring Fordor, Motor #18-1578217	$ 878.35	8	
		Less trade-in allowance for my 1931 Ford Town Sedan	266.35		612 00
	27	Gas: 5 gals.; Apr. 30, 6 gals. San Rafael			2 09
	30	Allen's Press Clippings (Indians) April 1935			4 66
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May 4, 1935

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of April 1935 amounting to $1123.01, including railroad fares and expenses for my secretary Miss Carr and myself from Washington to Lagunitas, California; also voucher for Jean L. Carr , services as Secretary-Stenographer, month of April 1935, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

You will observe that I purchased a new 1935 Ford car, trading in my old Ford in part payment.

Very truly yours,

May 28, 1935

Miss Alida C. Bowler
Supt. Indian School
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Miss Bowler:

A few days ago I was much disappointed in not being able to see you at your wonderful school, but had to get to Truckee that night. From the Lake we took the old summer road for a few miles, got stuck in the snow, and had to back up and go round by the paved road--all in a tremendous rain!

However, that is not what I wanted to talk about. I would like to see you, of course, to talk over the general situation; and also for a more personal reason--to ask about the possible chance of doing a couple of days work with one or two intelligent Washoo Indians--and also possibly with Northern Piutes at your school.

Several years ago I completed reasonably full vocabularies of every known tribe still existing in California, and now am verifying, checking, and adding additional words. I recently verified and extended my Piute vocabularies for the Owens Valley and Mono Lake regions. In this sort of work rather old Indians are necessary for part of the vocabularies, but for the great majority of words

younger Indians who can speak plainly are better than the old ones.

If I am able to visit Carson City again could you put me on the track of suitable Washoo and Piute informants--especially Washoo, as I already have rather full Piute vocabularies.

What a pity it is that such an exceptionally earnest and capable man as John Collier should be so harassed in his struggle to better the conditions of our native Americans!

Trusting that you are enjoying your work at Carson, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 29, 1935

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Your letter of May 24 arrived this morning and it is good to know that you both are well, and we hope also happy.

Returning from a field trip across the Southern Sierra by way of Kern Valley and Walker Pass and thence up Owens Valley and later Mono Lake, Bridgeport, and Carson Valley and on to Lake Tahoe and over the Truckee divide, we landed in Berkeley to find the California part of our family decidedly under the weather. During the last three days, however, both Tally and Lee have improved very much, as we learned over the phone this morning, and we hope their health troubles are over.

Before starting, I turned in my old Ford for one of the large, palatial new cars; the kind of a car that keeps up a steady fifty-mile gait and is a real pleasure to ride in--big enough for the family, with luggage and camp equipment. It really is a marvel and I wish you had one also.

Mono Lake and Mono Craters are as impressive and attractive as ever, and to our joy a remarkably fine hotel with accompanying auto camps has been built close to the

west end of the lake in full view of the most interesting features. It is a delightful place for a stop, but rather expensive.

Returning from Carson Valley to Lake Tahoe, we followed a dirt road north from the lake and after three or four miles landed in a snow drift. It continued indefinitely northward so we were obliged to back out and follow the north end of the lake around to the paved road. From the north end of the lake to Truckee the country is practically all under snow, and we were caught in very heavy rains and hail, but from Truckee down to the bay region had glorious weather, and splendid roads.

Glad Henry is stationed in Washington for a while. He is a good and helpful neighbor but not much addicted to letter writing.

Love to you all, including Marian,

As ever yours,

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May 29, 1935

Dear Henry:

Your good letter dated May 9 arrived just as we were starting on the first real field trip of the season. We drove down San Juaquin Valley about three hundred miles, thence easterly over the mountains to Kern Valley, up the Kelso Canyon slope of Tehachapi and back, then out through Walker Pass to the desert and north into and through the entire length of Owens Valley, and later continued northward by Mono Lake and Mono Craters and on to Carson Valley, Lake Tahoe, and Truckee.

North of Tahoe we got stuck in the snow, so we had to back out and go around by another road from the northwest corner of the lake. Next day we drove over the summit and down the west slope of the Sierra to the bay region, mostly through magnificent forests.

Reaching Berkeley we found that Zenaida and family had been, and still were, having a tough time, both Talbot and little Lee being pretty sick. Lee's ear drums had to be opened and the ears douched several times daily. He had failed so much that a blood transfusion was necessary and his mother supplied the needed pint. He was tolerably weak and very pale but is now on the up grade, as we learned by phone today. Tally also is reported as much better. They surely

have had a big dose of hard luck.

We suspect that you are among the multitude whose equanimity may be thrown a little off balance by recent developments in Washington.

With best love from Elizabeth and her old man,

As ever yours,

Hart.

May 31, 1935

Dear Merriam:

Sorry I missed out on your birthday, but better late than never--still better, never late. Old men have slow memories and slip lots of cogs.

Wish you could have been with us on our recent trip through some of the great valleys and among many of the snow-clad mountains of this glorious State. We worked with a number of Indians of different tribes collecting a fair amount of good material.

If you are old enough before I am too old, perhaps I'll take you with me on one of these trips. Meanwhile, keep up your courage and continue to be a good boy.

With much love,

P.S.-Please tell your dear frivilous sister that if her next birthday comes before I am too old I'll try to drop her a few lines.

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May 31, 1935

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
Museum Vertebrate Zoology
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Returning from a recent field trip we were much disappointed to find that we had missed a call from you and Mrs. Grinnell. On the other hand, we were greatly pleased that you took the trouble to come to see us.

At Mono Lake a few days ago I saw a number of small Grebes, but could not get close enough to make out what they were. Large Gulls were in evidence continually and several of them were so hotly pursued by Brewer Blackbirds that they had to escape by plunging down into the water.

Some of these days if I ever get fairly caught up I hope to drop in on you and your assistants at the Museum.

With kind regards to Mrs. Grinnell and yourself,

As ever yours,

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May 31, 1935

Dear Dorothy:

It was a sad coming back to find Tally sick abed and little Lee in a very weak and unhappy condition, even after the transfusion of a pint of good Merriam blood from Zenaida's arm. Zee has kept up nobly, but it has been a terrible strain. News over the phone this morning is encouraging however, both the kid and Tally being much better.

We are again settled at Lagunitas. The weather up to yesterday was a continuation of winter, but yesterday our real Lagunitas summer began and yesterday and today have been two typical, delightfully clear and pleasant days, such as you may remember from the distant past.

We had a profitable and very interesting trip, going south through San Joaquin Valley to Bakersfield and then over the mountains by Havilah to Kern Valley and thence up Kelso Creek Canyon on the south slope of Tehachapi Mt; back to Kern Valley and easterly over Walker Pass to the desert, north to and through Owens Valley and on to Mono Lake and on some more to Bridgeport, Carson Valley, Lake Tahoe, and over the High Sierra divide and thence home over the usual pass.

In passing around the north end of Lake Tahoe we made the mistake of taking the summer dirt road, and after

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about three miles got into deep snow and had to turn back and pass around the north end of the lake to the paved road to Truckee, in the course of which we were caught in heavy rain and hail. After a night at Truckee with accompanying bedbugs) we drove over the Donner Summit and thence down among heavily snow-covered mountains followed by snow-free areas of wonderfully beautiful manzanitas in full bloom to the Bay region, and so on to Berkeley where we spent the night before coming home to Lagunitas which is now abounding in verdure with the new leaf tassels expanding on the madrones.

The madrones were still in bloom with pigeons feeding on the blossoms when we left, but both are now over. However, the ferns and Aralia have grown wonderfully and the huckleberry bushes have nearly finished blooming. The Aquilegia is the most conspicuous and beautiful flower now.

We have, of course, a great store of material to take care of from the trip and a number of letters which I feel hardly able to answer.

The absence of Gray Squirrels, Pipilos, and Grosbeaks is just too bad. Still, the western Hermit Thrushes arrived during our absence and are full of song very early in the morning and for a short period evenings.

No news from Henry except by way of your letters—which are thankfully received and read with interest. He seems to have gotten the hang of the old house with its various pipes and valves without apparent difficulty.

Furthermore, he seems to be fairly occupied--enough so at least to keep him out of mischief.

Possibly Mama and I forgot to tell you about our new Ford. It is the great big hump-back model, green in color, and the most marvelous performer you ever rode in. She keeps up a pace of fifty hour after hour without turning a hair, and is so roomy inside that a whole family can ride in comfort and still have room for their hand baggage and lunch, and in the rear is a locked compartment big enough to hold the camping outfit and no end of grub and playthings for the children.

Your several birthdays, while not promptly attended to, have not been altogether forgotten.

With love to you all,

Dad

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

1935		Expense Account May 1-May 31, 1935	Stub Voucher		
May	6	50 stamped envelopes $1.64; S.F. ferry ret 60¢		2	24
	7	Expressage, Washn-San Rafael: vocabularies, maps, and manuscripts, 3 insured packages	1	22	42
	7	San Rafael, 9¼ gals gas @ 19¢		1	76
	8	Ferry, San Rafael-Richmond ret, car, self, asst		2	00
	9	Washn D.C. Telephone Apr 26-May 25 $ 4.90 1/3		1	63
		Telegram D.C. to Los Angeles		1	44
	10	Ferry, San Rafael-Richmond ret, car and asst		1	70
	10	Ferry, Sausalito-S.F. ret, self, asst			50
	10	Berkeley, car service $1.54; 8 gals gas $1.71		3	25
	10	San Francisco: carfare 20¢; lunch, self & asst 84¢		1	04
	10	Office supplies: paper, pencils, paste		1	80
	14	Ferry, San Rafael-Richmond ret car, self and asst		2	00
	14	Calif. AAA Car Insurance on New Ford V8	2	57	54
	15	Sausalito, 11 gals gas@ 19¢; $2.09; car storage 35¢		2	44
	15	Ferry to S.F. self, 2 assts 75¢; lunches $1.07		1	82
	16	Harold Jones, services, asst, Apr 25-May 16, 22 days @ $3.00 per day		66	00
	16	Telephone, Lagunitas to Berkeley, 4 calls @ 25¢		1	00
	16	Ferry, San Rafael-Richmond, car self asst		1	00
	16	Tracy, Calif: Lunches, self and 2 assts		1	84
	16	Merced, Calif: 11 gals gas @ 19¢		2	09
	16	Tulare, Calif: car storage 35¢; films $2.15		2	50
		Tulare Hotel, 2 rooms self 2 assts 1 night	4	6	00
		Meals, self and 2 assts		3	72
				187	73

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

1935		Expense Account May 1-May 31, 1935 Page 2	Stub Voucher		
		balance carried forward		187	73
May	17	Bakerfield, Calif: 9 gals gas @ 17¢		1	53
	17	Kernville, Calif: Mountain Inn, rooms, self & 2 assts	5	5	00
		Meals, $4.50; car storage, 25¢		4	75
		6 gals gas @ 20¢, $1.20; food supplies 97¢		2	17
	18	Newooah Indians, Kelso Creek, vocabulary work		5	50
	19	Onyx, Calif: Onyx Camp, Rooms, self, 2 assts	6	3	00
		Meals, " " "		4	50
		6 gals gas @ 20¢		1	20
	19	Tubotelobela Indians, Onyx, vocabulary work		5	00
	19	Lone Pine, Calif: Dinners, self and 2 assts		1	95
	20	Brkf. lunch dinner, self and 2 assts		5	57
	21	Dow Hotel, rooms 2 nights, self and 2 assts	7	11	00
		car storage 2 nights $1.00; brkfs. $1.28		2	28
		9 gals gas @ 22¢		1	98
	21	Piute Indian man, vocabulary work		2	00
	21	Independence, Calif: Lunch, self and 2 assts		1	60
	22	Bishop, Calif: 6 rolls film @ 30¢, tax 04¢		1	84
		Bishop Piute Indian, vocabulary work 1 day		3	50
		5 gals gas @ 22¢		1	10
	23	Kittie Lee Inn rooms 2 nights self, 2 assts	8	14	00
		Meals, self, 2 assts		11	31
		Car storage, 2 nights		1	00
	23	Levining, Calif: 5 qts oil @ 35¢, tax 04¢		1	79
	24	Mono Lake, Calif: 6 rolls film @ 30¢, tax 04¢		1	84
		balance carried forward		283	14

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

1935				
	Expense Account May 1-May 31, 1935 Page 3			
	balance carried for.		283	14
May 24	Mono Lake, Calif: Piute Indians, vocab. work		4	00
25	Tioga Lodge, rooms & meals, 2 days, self and 2 assts.	9	29	67
	4 gals gas @ 27¢		1	08
25	Bridgeport, Calif: Photo and inform. several Piutes		5	00
	Camping supplies		1	30
25	Coleville, Calif: Photo Bishop Piute woman & child		1	00
25	Carson City, Nev: 10 gals gas @ 23¢		2	30
25	Truckee, Calif: Dinners, self and 2 assts		3	07
	Riverside Hotel, rooms, self and 2 assts	10	4	50
	Car storage 50¢; brkfs. self and 2 assts 1.74		2	24
26	Fairfield, Calif: Lunches, self and 2 assts			87
26	Carquinez Bridge toll, car, self, 2 assts			90
27	Berkeley: Room, one night asst. $1.50; meals $2.00		3	50
27	Ferry, Richmond-San Rafael self, car. 2 assts		1	15
28	San Rafael: 10 gals. gas @ 19½¢		1	95
29	Lagunitas: P.G.E. El. Current Apr 19-May 21 $9.06 1/3	11	3	02
31	Charles Isham, services asst May 16-31, 16days @ $3.00	12	48	00
31	Allens Press Clippings (Indian) May 1935		3	75
31	Schwabacher-Frey Co. San Francisco, photo work	13	4	08
	Total		404	52

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C. Hart Merriam

June 3, 1935

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of May 1935, amounting to $404.52, also voucher for Jean L. Carr for Secretary-Stenographer services May 1-31-$145.00, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

During the month of May I was able to make a very important field trip, going south through San Joaquin Valley to Bakersfield and Caliente, thence easterly to Havilah and Kern Valley and then up the south slope of Tehachapi by way of Kelso Creek and return; out through Walker Pass to the desert, north to and through Owens Valley and Mono Lake Valley, and on north through Bridgeport and Carson Valleys to Truckee and down through the great Sierra forests to Sacramento and San Francisco Bay--in all, about twelve hundred miles. For miles the high country was deeply covered with snow but the roads had been cleared.

It was a great trip in which I had the satisfaction of checking my vocabularies of a number of Shoshonean bands and tribes. The weather has been good to us and the excessive heat did not strike us until yesterday.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

June 3, 1935

Editor, Boonville Herald
Boonville, New York

Dear Sir:

About a year ago on reaching my summer base here at Lagunitas I found a stack of Boonville Heralds. I wrote you to discontinue the Herald, remarking that during the half century or more since I lived in Lewis County all the people I used to know there had died and I had no more interest in the region.

On arriving here a few days ago for my season's field work I was surprised and rather shocked to find a great stack of Heralds in my accumulated mail.

Since you did not act on my letter of last year I now ask you again to kindly discontinue sending me your paper.

Very truly yours,

June 5, 1935

Charles A. Gianini
Poland, New York

Dear Mr. Gianini:

Your letter of May 16 is at hand. I shall be very glad to have you use any material you choose from my "Mammals of the Adirondacks".

Unfortunately, I am unable to answer your questions regarding the Moose shot by the Hon. Horatio Seymour. It has been more than fifty years since I left that region and I have no knowledge of what became of the head which used to be at Deerfield.

In hunting Moose in the Adirondacks, as far as I know, still-hunting was the method used.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

June 8, 1935

Wm Pflueger, Assistant Cashier
Crocker First National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Returning recently from a field trip I found your letter of May 13th forwarded from Washington, D.C., telling me that the entire issue of Southern California Edison 5% bonds due November 1, 1939 has been called as of July 1, 1935 at 105 and interest.

I should be glad to accept your offer for collection but am unable to forward the bonds at this time for the reason that they are in my safe deposit vault in Washington.

Very truly yours,

June 10, 1935

Miss Alida C. Bowler, Supt.
Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada

Dear Miss Bowler:

Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd inst. I have delayed replying in order to finish recording the results of my last field trip, but have not yet succeeded--hope to within a few days.

You are very kind to allow me to stay at the Agency while working at Carson, but I am not alone: there are three of us this year: myself, my secretary Miss Jean Carr, and the driver and general utility man who looks after the car and some other matters. If we could stay at your school and pay board in the usual way it would be fine. If not, I suppose we could find quarters at a hotel in Carson.

It is particularly gratifying that there are plenty of Washoes in your immediate neighborhood. Piutes from your region I really do not need except for a little checking, but it is many years since I worked with the Washoes and I hope to obtain much additional material.

I have worked with Piutes at Reno, and also at the once big Piute camp on the west side of Pyramid Lake,

Miss Bowler
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so that my present interest with them is to check previous material and add a few words.

If you are sure to be at your Agency on June 17th or 18th I feel reasonably sure that I could reach you at that time.

With many thanks for your kind offer of help,

Very truly yours,

P.S. You may wonder that I am not alone. I passed my eightieth birthday about six months ago and am not in good health.

June 10, 1935

Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Enclosed is my check on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco for $8.42 in payment of your April-May account for photo work. Kindly receipt and return your enclosed statement.

Enclosed also are ten negatives for enlargement to about postal size; four prints of each please.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

June 10, 1935

Jonathan E. Webb
244 Kearny Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Webb:

Your letter of June 8th in regard to the name of Mt. Tamalpais and associated trails reached me this morning.

The aboriginal name of the mountain as pronounced by the Indians in whose territory it stands was Tam-mal-pi's from Tam-mal, its specific distinctive name, plus Pi's (or Pi'-ĕs) meaning mountain.

The trail name you mention--Temelpa Ridge Trail--is of course an abominable abbreviated and slurred rendering.

The name you quote from the Northwestern Pacific Railway folder, Temel-pa Tr strikes me as obviously an abbreviated misspelling of the name Tamalpais with Tr added for 'trail'.

I have never used the name you quote as Temel-pa Tr in any connection whatever.

The name Hoo-koo-e'-ko which you apply to a trail, is the correct name of the tribe formerly inhabiting this region.

The form Te-mel+ is an incorrect spelling of the first two syllables of the proper name of the mountain--which, divided into syllables, is of course Tam'-mal-pi's (or pi'-ĕs).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1935

Fred Collins
Weldon, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

We have just received prints of the photographs I took of you and your family on May 18 and are enclosing enlargements of them herewith.

They seem to me very good and I hope you and your family will like them.

With best wishes,

June 11, 1935

Miss Meldin Andreas
Onyx, California

Dear Miss Andreas:

Enclosed are enlarged prints of the photographs I took of you and your family when I was at Onyx, May 19.

I think they are excellent pictures and hope you will be satisfied with them.

With best wishes,

June 11, 1935

Harrison Diaz
Indian Agency
Bishop, Calif.

Dear Mr. Diaz:

Enclosed are enlargements of the photographs I took of you when at Bishop the 22nd of last month. Some of them are excellent, others are over-exposed.

I was very glad to see you again at Bishop and, if I live, look forward to seeing you again.

With best wishes,

June 11, 1935

Mrs. Sally Lundy
Mono Lake, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Lundy:

Enclosed are enlargements of the photographs I took of you and some of your family on May 24.

I am sorry that I could not get better pictures of all of you.

With best wishes,

June 11, 1935

Postmaster
Olancha, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly give the three photographs enclosed herewith to the Indians living along the creek a short distance from your office.

I forgot to get their names when I took the pictures a few weeks ago and therefore am imposing on your kindness.

Very truly yours,

June 11, 1935

Mrs. Annie Garrison
Coleville, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Garrison:

Enclosed are prints of the photographs I took of you and your little girl on May 25. ~~They seem to me to be pretty good and I hope you will like them.~~

With best wishes,

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Lagunitas, Calif.
June 12, 1935

Dear Miss Rathbun:

My absence in the field (on both sides of the California-Nevada boundary) delayed the notice of the celebration of your 75th Birthday so that I was unable to send my congratulations on time.

So you have nearly caught up with me--for I see that you are only five years behind! Many things have happened since our first meeting--was it in 1885 or earlier?

Our memorable trip across the continent so many years ago and our life in camp in Tuolumne Meadows along with John Muir and daughters and my own wife and small girls, when you slept in your hammock near our tents can never be forgotten--and now in our old age comes back as a delightful memory.

You have been a tremendous worker, known the world over by the extent and quality of your writings on the group of crustaceans of which you are the world's acknowledged authority.

Please accept my congratulations on your long and faithful service and eminent accomplishments, and with earnest wishes for the future,

Your old friend,

Dr. Mary J. Rathbun
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

June 11, 1935

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Mrs. Annie Garrison
Coleville, Calif;

Dear Mrs. Garrison:

Enclosed are prints of the photographs I took of you and your little girl on May 25. [redacted] I am sorry to see that they are not very good.

With best wishes,

Retake of Preceding Frame

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Dear Miss Rathbun:

My absence in the field (on both sides of the California-Nevada boundary) delayed the notice of the celebration of your 75th Birthday so that I was unable to send my congratulations on time.

So you have nearly caught up with me--for I see that you are only five years behind! Many things have happened since our first meeting--was it in 1885 or earlier?

Our memorable trip across the continent so many years ago and our life in camp in Tuolumne Meadows along with John Muir and daughters and my own wife and small girls, when you slept in your hammock near our tents can never be forgotten--and now in our old age comes back as a delightful memory.

You have been a tremendous worker, known the world over by the extent and quality of your writings on the group of crustaceans of which you are the world's acknowledged authority.

Please accept my congratulations on your long and faithful service and eminent accomplishments, and with earnest wishes for the future,

Your old friend,

Dr. Mary J. Rathbun
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Copy

June 14, 1935

Miss Alida C. Bowler
Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada

Dear Miss Bowler:

Thanks for your letter of June 11. I appreciate very much your interest and help in arranging for us to stay at the Agency, and am glad to know that there is a hotel in Carson where our driver may stay.

We expect to leave here Monday morning, June 17 and arrive at the Agency sometime in the late afternoon, and should like to stay two or three days--according to the way the work progresses.

In case you are not at the Agency we shall report to Mrs. Ault, as you suggest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 15, 1935

Dr. Walter K. Fisher
Hopkins Biological Station
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Walter:

Thanks for your letter of June 13, just received. So you were in Carson City a few days ago and saw some of Cohn's baskets, particularly those made by the old Washoo woman, Datsolalee! I saw a number of them many years ago. They were of unusual excellency as to workmanship but some were overloaded with design and others had designs foreign to those of the Washoo people. The extra-fine weaving is by no means characteristic of the Washoo, though they always made a high-class basket. The price asked for these--$10,000--is of course preposterous.

Old Cohn, who kept Datsolalee, was the biggest kind of a humbug. Years ago he showed me several hundred baskets all of which he said were Washoo. I remarked that a number of them were Washoo and were valuable, but that the vast majority were ordinary everyday Piute, and that if he didn't know the difference between Piute and Washoo work and design I would be glad to show him. Whereupon he closed his mouth very tight and walked out of the store. I have not seen him since. He was a great liar and wholly unreliable.

Walter K. Fisher
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I was in Carson City a couple of weeks ago and expect to go there again, starting tomorrow or next day, for a little work among the Washoo, especially checking my old vocabularies, as I have not worked with them for a number of years.

Hoping to see you and Anne here at your convenience during the present season, and with love to you both from both of us,

As ever yours,

June 16, 1935

Dorothy dear:

Thanks for your letter of June 9th. So your big girl has gone through with her fashionable performance in the way of school graduation and is now ready to enjoy herself in preparation for next fall's college work.

In connection with Beth's graduation I still remember the thrill we had when you and Mary Pugh went through a similar performance at the Western High School graduation exercises--what I never can forget--the affectionately laudatory remarks of the principal about you and Mary and your remarkable influence over your class as a whole.

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Best love to you all,

Frank

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Best love to you all,

Dad

Just read a fine letter - nicely typed - from your darling Mariam. Will answer it later.

Retake of Preceding Frame

June 25, 1935

Board Personal Tax Appraisers
Office Assessor, District Columbia

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me two copies of the form "Personal Tax Return" for 1935-36, addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

June 25, 1925

Collector of Taxes
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me a duplicate statement of the amount of taxes due on my home property, Sq. 190, Lot 805 (1919 16th Street) payable in July.

Kindly address this to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

CORRECTION--
D. C. Real Estate Tax payable--
First half September
Second half following March

June 28, 1935

Mrs. V.L. Baxter
Box 44
Schurz, Nevada

Dear Mrs. Baxter:

On June 21 and 22 while my two assistants and I were working at Schurz at the Walker River Indian Agency I bought two beaded Piute Indian baskets of you, but unfortunately I do not remember where you said they were made.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will let me know just where you got them. The larger one is in red, yellow, and green; the smaller, yellow with spiral design in blue, red, and white.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 28, 1935

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Enclosed is a letter from Kapindra N. Mehta of India asking for information and literature from the Smithsonian Institution.

The letter was addressed to me at the Smithsonian and then forwarded to Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 1, 1935

Cashier, Crocker Nat'l Bank
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me the market values as of July 1, inst. of the following securities (list omitted).

Very truly yours,

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BONDS

C M & St Paul	4s	1989
Conn Ry & Ltg	4½	1951
Del & Hud	4	1943
Ill Cent (Lv Div)	3½	1953
Imp Russian Credit	6½	1919
NY NH & H	3½	1954
SO Calif Ed	5	1939
So Calif Gas	4½	1961
So Ry	5	1994
U P	4	1947

STOCKS

N Eng Power	Pfd	20
P G & E 6s	Pfd	40
P G & E	Com	20
Pot El Power 5½	Pfd	5
Telepost (Internat)	Com	1
U S Steel	Com	21
Am Tel & Tel	Com	18

July 1, 1935

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Chapman:

Appreciative thanks for your article on José--the Barro Colorado Koati.

You certainly had a most interesting and resourceful individual of that highly entertaining group, and your account of his diverse activities and accomplishments in securing his favorite food is not only entertaining but well worthy of perpetuation.

We are pegging away about as usual. I have recently returned from a field trip in Nevada collecting supplemental material.

It is cool and beautiful here at Lagunitas and our foliage is still green and fresh.

Two pairs of Pipilos are breeding close to the house and there are a few Juncos nearby but the Bluejays have not yet put in an appearance.

Isn't it about time for you and your good wife to enjoy a change from the tropics to the cool climate of our coast region?

With love to you both,

C. Hart Merriam

July 1, 1935

James Willard Schultz
Blackfeet Reservation
Browning, Montana

Dear Schultz:

Thanks for your letter, which awaited my return from recent field work in Nevada. It is good to know that you were privileged to attend the ceremonies of the Tobacco Planters Society of the Northern Blackfeet--beyond a doubt you obtained interesting material.

I am glad your wife has secured the position of head of the FERA relief of the Blackfeet Reservation.

With best wishes to you both and to your son Hart if he is with you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 1, 1935

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Replying to your letter of May 8 requesting titles of articles suitable for the Smithsonian Annual Report, I regret to say that I do not think of any articles suitable for the purpose.

As you know, I am working under pressure in order to complete if possible my materials on the Indian tribes of California and Nevada, and have recently returned from a successful trip among the tribes of the latter state.

This field work and the preparation of the material requires all of my time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

July 1, 1935

Auto Association Southern Calif.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send me your road maps for the region including Fresno, Visalia, and thence easterly to the mountains. Also, if not on the same map, Squaw Valley, Dunlap, Badger, and thence southerly to Three Rivers; also map of Tulare, Porterville, and the Tule River Indian Reservation. Also, if not asking too much, a copy of the map of San Diego County, which will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

July 3, 1935

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

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Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Expense Account for Month of June 1935

1935					
June 1	San Rafael: Car service			1	00
2	Sausalito-San Francisco ferry self 2 assts ret				75
	S.F: carfares 40; Dinner self 2 assts $2			2	40
3	Pickwick Hotel, 2 rooms, self asst		1	6	50
	Breakfast & lunches self 2 assts			2	00
	Office supplies: ink container, blotters, pads				70
	Bond paper and envelopes			1	85
	Sausalito: Car storage, one night				50
	Eric Swenson photo work April-May		2	8	42
6	Saus-S.F. ferry 2 ret 50; 10 gals gas $1.90			2	40
	Sausalito: car storage 35; can wax polish 51				86
	S.F. carfare 20; manila envelopes 62; pen repair 50			1	32
	2 lunches $1; San Raf. 8 gals gas 1.68 (June8)			2	68
10	Saus-S.F. ferry asst ret 25; S.F. carfare, lunch 45				70
	Sausalito: car storage 35; phone, Swenson Berkeley				25
14	San Rafael: 5 qts oil 1.28; postage stamps 1.12			2	40
15	Fairfax: 9 gals gas @ 19¢			1	71
Field Trip to Carson and Schurz, Nevada:					
June 17	San Rafael-Richmond ferry car self asst			1	00
	Carquinez Bridge car self 2 assts				90
	Placerville: Lunches (3) 1.79; 13½ gals gas 2.63			4	42
18	Carson City, Nev. Meals asst June 18-dinner June 19			3	35
19	8 gals gas 1.84; use of garage equip. 50			2	34
20	Carson Indian School 3 Indians vocab work June 18-20			19	50

20	Carson City: 8 gals gas @ 23			2	99
21	Arlington Hotel room asst 4 nights; meals 19-20		3	10	80
	Stewart, Nev, Indian School Meals self asst June 18-20 & brkf 21 $7.35; extra food $1.05			8	40
22	Schurz, Nev: 3 rooms self 2 assts; meals 21-22		4	10	50
	Piute Ind. vocab work $5; 5 gals gas $1.25			6	25
23	Carson: Arlington Hotel 3 rooms dinner brkf 3		5	9	25
	12 gals gas @ 23			2	76
	Sacramento, Calif: 7 gals gas 1.37; lunches 3 1.69			3	06
	Carquinez Bridge self car 2 assts				90
24	Berkeley: Ridge Rd Inn asst room one night		6	1	50
	Meals 2 assts $2; Richmond ferry car 3 1.15			3	15
25	Saus-S F ferry self asst ret 50; lunches 2 82¢			1	32
	S F: carfare 10; typewriter ribbon $1; notebooks 25			1	35
	Sausalito car storage				35
27	San Rafael: 6 gals gas $1.14; lunch asst 50			1	64
	San Raf-Richmond ferry car asst ret $1.70 phone 05			1	75
	Berkeley: Olney Ford Service		7	5	05
29	P G & E $1 current June 1935 $10.40 1/3			3	47
30	Charles Isham service asst June 1-30 @ $3 per day		8	90	00
30	Schwabacher-Frey Co. Photo work June acct		9	43	27
	Allens Press Clippings for June 1935			5	08
	Eric H. Swenson, Photo work June			8	63
				289	77

Two hundred eighty-nine--------- seventy-seven------

289.77

July 7, 1935

Mr. Dan Voorhees
Box 65
Schurz, Nevada

Dear Mr. Voorhees:

Enclosed are enlargements of the photographs I took of you at the Walker River Agency last month.

I think they are very good and hope you will like them.

With best wishes,

July 9, 1935

Office of Assessor D. C.
Board Personal Tax Appraisers
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my Personal Tax Return for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936.

Please send statement of amount due addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 9, 1935

Dear Zee:

Yesterday we all drove through Golden Gate Park, stopping a few minutes each at the Academy of Sciences, the Aquarium, the bear dens and tropical gardens close by, and the ocean beach with the adjacent Fleishhacker Zoo. A great trip and most interesting but a little too much of it for your old man Dad.

This morning we were much pleased to receive your letter of the 7th inst. telling us that everything is well and that Lee is having a good time and is still gaining in strength.

Miss Carr and I have been to the City today to get the Crocker Bank to help make out my D. C. Tax Return, which we duly executed, filed, and dropped in the mail.

Tomorrow we may spend the night at your delightful Berkeley home en route for a point in the southern Sierra foothills. Expect to return within a week.

With best love from us all to yourself and dear little Lee,

As ever your old Dad,

Chas. Lummis

July 9, 1935

Dr. Edmund Heller
Director, Fleishhacker Zoo
San Francisco, California

Dear Heller:

Your letter, in connection with an article in the July 4 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, divulges the secret that you are about to appear on the coast as Director of the Fleishhacker Zoo.

All of this is news to us--and I am happy to say good news--so we shall doubtless give ourselves the pleasure of welcoming you both at Lagunitas and at your new field of duty. Congratulations!

We shall be glad to see you at Lagunitas at any time when I'm home. I am in the field a large part of the time and expect to start tomorrow, July 10, for a field trip of less than a week among some Indians along the edge of the Southern Sierra.

With best wishes and expectation of seeing you in the near future,

As ever yours,

July 14, 1935

Dr. W. W. Campbell
Lick Observatory
Mount Hamilton, Calif.

Dear Doctor Campbell:

Returning today from a field trip in the Sierra I find your letter of the 10th inst. awaiting attention.

Mrs. Merriam and I are much pleased to know that you are coming to see us and shall be particularly glad if you and Mrs. Campbell can lunch with us on Thursday of this week (July 18) at one o'clock.

Will you kindly wire reply to Lagunitas via San Rafael.

It will be interesting to see your photograph of the Academy dinner of April 18, 1906 and I hope I may be able to identify a few of those whose names you have not been able to find.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

TELEGRAM

Lagunitas, Calif.
July 15, 1935

Dr. W. W. Campbell
Lick Observatory
Mount Hamilton, Calif.
via San Rafael

Can you and Mrs. Campbell lunch with us July 18 at one o'clock. Wire answer addressed Lagunitas via San Rafael.

C. Hart Merriam

July 15, 1935

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Carson Indian School
Stewart, Nevada

Dear Mr. Pete:

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With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

July 15, 1935

Marin County Roofing Co.
Larkspur, California

Dear Sirs:

Returning to Lagunitas last evening I found your bill of $30.00 for putting a tar coating on the roof of my garage.

Enclosed is my check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for this amount.

Very truly yours,

July 15, 1935

Miss Alida C. Bowler
Carson Indian School
Stewart, Nevada

Dear Miss Bowler:

Kindly forgive my delay in acknowledging your many kindnesses to Miss Carr and myself while working with the Indians at your school last month.

We went from Carson to Walker Lake as expected, and owing to your courtesy in giving us a letter to the agent, Mr. Parrett, were permitted to work in his office with a very intelligent old Piute man.

Since then we have worked in several places, and last evening returned from a profitable session with a fine old Wuksache man.

I am now sending you a copy of my collection of Mewan myths entitled "The Dawn of the World", in which I trust you will find some stories of interest.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Ault and Lottie Boulden, the fine little girl who takes such good care of your attractive home; and with appreciative thanks for your courtesy and congratulations on the important work you are doing,

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July 18, 1935

Mr. Parrett, Agent
Walker River Indian Agency
Schurz, Nevada

Dear Mr. Parrett:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your courtesy to me and my assistants while we were at the Walker River Agency last month. We obtained much valuable vocabulary material from Dan Voorhees, the man you got for us. Much of this is additional to that obtained by me at the south end of the lake many years ago.

Since leaving you we have worked with several other tribes, including some on the west slope of the Sierra, but are now back at my summer headquarters here at Lagunitas north of San Francisco Bay.

It is hot here just now, and the heat in the big valleys is too great for comfortable field work, but we have plenty of material to write up to keep us busy.

With best wishes and thanks for your attention,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

TELEGRAM

Lagunitas, Calif.
July 19, 1935

W. W. Campbell
Lick Observatory
Mt. Hamilton, Calif.

Regret cannot accept tempting invitation. Hope to see you and Mrs. Campbell here early next month.

C. Hart Merriam

July 22, 1935

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A belated letter tells me that Henry D. Abbot, my son-in-law from Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been having difficulty in obtaining a D. C. license for his car for the reason that my house at 1919 16th Street in which he is living is entered in your records as unoccupied.

I infer that in the haste of leaving Washington I forgot to notify you that he would occupy my house during most of the summer.

Mr. Abbot is an engineer in the Erosion Service of the Department of Agriculture.

Trusting there may be no further difficulty,

Very truly yours,

July 22, 1935

United States News
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $5.00 on the National Metropolitan Bank for renewal of my subscription for one year to the United States News.

Please change my address from 1919 16th Street Washington, D. C. to Lagunitas, Marin County, California for the summer changing back to Washington after the first of October.

Very truly yours,

July 22, 1935

Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattick Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Herewith I am sending you a batch of twenty-nine negatives, which kindly enlarge and print as specified on the envelopes.

Very truly yours,

July 23, 1935

Mrs. V. L. Baxter
Schurz, Nevada

Dear Mrs. Baxter:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in replying to my inquiry in regard to the beaded baskets.

Just now we are back at our summer base here at Lagunitas where hot days are practically unknown and where the fog pushes in from the sea nearly every night.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 23, 1935

Mr. Henry Ford
Ford Motor Company
Dearborn, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ford:

The newspapers of July 12 contained an article apparently dictated by you under the title, "Ford Calls 'Tax Rich' Money Lenders Scheme."

I should appreciate the favor if you would kindly send me two or three copies of this important article.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 23, 1935

Mr. Frank Bond
3127 Newark Street N W
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bond:

Many thanks for your kindly letter received on returning from one of my field trips with Indians in Nevada.

You amaze me by stating that your list of bird artists of the world contains nearly four hundred names. You certainly have done a big job for the A. O. U. in giving so much of your time and brain tissue to this piece of work.

You congratulate me on my return to health. I am not well and never shall be. Nevertheless, I am still able to work in the field, thus securing material in many native languages an important part of which consists of the names of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, and plants in the languages of many tribes. This part of my material cannot be duplicated for the reason that not one of our Ethnologists is a Naturalist, and by the time any ethnological Naturalist is born and educated many of these languages will be extinct.

I was lucky in doing the Nevada work before the really hot weather set in. Now, in the great San Joaquin Valley, the daily maximum temperature averages about 115°, sometimes reaching 120°.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Bond and yourself,

As ever your friend,

C. Hart Merriam

July 29, 1935

Dear Tally:

In tabulating results of my field work on both sides of the High Sierra I find that I did not get the name of the White-tailed Jackrabbit on your part of the west slope.

In case you run across some of the old Indians on your side of the mountains I shall be greatly obliged if you will inquire about their name for this White-tail Jack. The Owens Valley people call him To-sah-kum.

Of course you know that there are TWO Jackrabbits on your side--the common one of the low and middle belt, and the big white-tailed one of the higher forest country. All the Indians distinctly recognize this White-tailed Jack from the common Jackrabbit of the lower levels, and the name, To-sah-kum, used by the Owens Valley tribes may be the same on your side. At least it may suggest the other name if different. Just at present it is an unfortunate gap in my mammal tables.

Hoping that everything is well with you and that we may cross trails in the not distant future,

As ever yours,

Mr. M. W. Talbot
2590 Cedar Street
Berkeley, Calif.

July 29, 1935

Mr. Harrison Diaz
Bishop, California

Dear Mr. Diaz:

In working over my vocabulary materials from Owens Valley including the east slope of the Sierra I find that I did not obtain the name of the Gray Tree Squirrel in the language of your people. The Monache Piute of the west slope call it Mow.

I know that the kind of country this squirrel lives in--namely, open oak forests--is very scarce on your side, but feel that it may be possible that you know what this big Tree Squirrel was called by your people.

If so, I shall be greatly obliged if you will write and tell me.

Trusting you are well, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

July-29, 1935

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th inst. and for the copy you were good enough to send me of Dr. A. E. Douglass's report on the "Dating of Pueblo Bonito and Other Ruins of the Southwest."

I have read it from cover to cover with great interest. It is a comprehensive work and one that will increase in value as time goes on. For, while from time to time we have had chunks of this material, the complete statement and summary with actual photographs of this amazing series of tree rings is certainly a highly valuable contribution.

The Society's long-continued and heavy investment in this investigation is another outstanding evidence of the value of its contributions to pure science and is a noteworthy follower of Judd's intensive study of the ruin of Pueblo Bonito.

When one stops to recall the guesses--including those of noted anthropologists--as to the age of the various Pueblos, the historical value of Doctor Douglass's positive

dates as ascertained from tree rings becomes overwhelmingly apparent. And one cannot but admire Douglass's great patience and endless enthusiasm in pushing to the end this monumental investigation.

The pathetic photograph of the ruin of Oraibi (shown on page 14) is painful evidence of the rapidity of disintegration of Pueblo walls, for when Mrs. Merriam and I crossed the Painted Desert on horseback in 1889--only forty-six years ago--Oraibi was a beautiful and densely populated Pueblo and its people were dressed in their colorful red and blue blankets.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Copy to A.E. Douglass

July 30, 1935

Mr. John Collier
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collier:

The receipt of the July issue of your valuable publication, Indians at Work, prompts me to write you.

Your statement under the heading "Why Indians Voted Against the Reorganization Act" (page 4) is beyond question the explanation of the wrong vote of several tribes.

I, in common with some of your most intelligent reservation superintendents, believed, up to the receipt of this issue of Indians at Work, that the reorganization act would in fact confiscate or abolish Indian allotments. This is just too bad, for as you say, it has reversed the vote of several large reservations as well as of some small ones.

It is a great pity that the truth of this matter could not have been made plain earlier. However, there is little value in crying over spilt milk.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Marian

August 1, 1935

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of July 1935 amounting to $239.37, and also salary voucher for my Secretary, Miss Jean Carr, for July, amounting to $160.00, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

August 19, 1935

Grand Canyon Natural History Ass'n
Grand Canyon, Arizona

Enclosed herewith is one dollar for which kindly send me, addressed to Lagunitas, Marin County, California, three copies of "Mammals of the Grand Canyon Region" by Vernon Bailey (Natural History Bulletin No. 1, June 1935).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Expense Account Month of July 1935

1935					
July	2	San Rafael: 50 stamped envelopes 1.62; phone .15			1 77
		7 gals gas 1.33; sponge .15			
	4	Saus-S F ferry self 2 assts ret .75; dinners 1.75			2 50
	5	S.F.: Pickwick Hotel self asst 2 rooms		1	6 00
		Bkfst self assts 1.30; lunch 1.00; maps,carfare86			3 16
		Sausalito car storage.50; 9 gals gas @ 19 1.71			2 21
	8	Saus-S F ferry car self assts ret 2.10; lunches 2.00			4.10
	9	Saus-S F ferry self asst ret 50; S F carfare 20			70
		S F lunch self asst 70; india ink 26			96
		Sausalito car storage 35; 8 gals gas @ 19-1.52			1 87
	10	6 Rolls film # 120		2	1 80
Field Trip to Badger California:					
July	10	San Rafael-Rich. ferry car self assts			1 15
		Berkeley: room 1 night asst.			1 50
		Dinner, bkfst July 11 assts 2.00; 8 gal gas 1.52			3 52
	11	Fresno: Lunch & Dinner self 2 assts			4 11
	12	Hotel California rooms 1 night self 2 assts		3	8 00
		Bkfsts self assts 1.25; 10 gal Gas @ 15 1.50			2 75
		Badger: food 73; Wuksache Indian vocab work 2.50			3 23
		Gen Grant Park admission 1.00; dinners 3.25			4 25
	13	Gen Grant Camp, cabin one night 2 rooms		4	9 75
		Breakfasts self 2 assts			1 96
		Fresno: lunch self assts 2.01; 10 gal gas 1.50			3 51
		Berkeley: dinner self assts			3 36
	14	Room 1 night asst 1.50; Bkfst assts .75			2 25

	12 gal gas @ 18½ 2.22; Rich-San Raf. ferry 1.15		3	37
17	San Rafael-Richmond ferry car asst ret		1	70
	Berkeley: carfare 20; lunch asst 50			70
	Olney Garage car repair incl. 5 qts oil	5	3	05
	Richmond: 7 gals gas @ 18½		1	29
18	Mt. Tamalpais road toll		1	25
19	San Rafael: 6 Gals gas @ 19 1.14; blotters,phone 45		1	59
20	Saus-S F ferry self asst ret 60; S F carfare 70		1	30
	San Rafael-Rich ferry car asst ret		1	70
	S F lunches self assts 1.30; dinners 2.55		3	85
	2 pens repaired 2.50; phone 05; bkfsts 3-1.50		4	05
21	Books-Maillard: Birds of Golden Gate Park			75
	Eastwood: Key to Calif Flowering Plants			35
	Slevin: Handbook Reptiles Pacific States			75
	Set Simson African game animal pictures			50
	S.F. lunches self assts		2	20
	Pickwick Hotel rooms one night self asst	6	6	60
23	San Rafael: 10 gals gas @ 19		1	90
25	San Raf-Rich. ferry car asst ret 1.70; lunch 55		2	25
27	San Rafael: 9 gals gas @ 19		1	71
31	Charles Isham service asst July 1-31 @ $3 per day	7	93	00
	Eric H. Swenson photo work July 1935	8	21	21
	Allen Press Clippings July 1935		3	05
	P G & E el current July 1935 $10.99 1/3		3	66
	San Rafael-Richmond ferry car asst ret		1	70
			239	37

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August 7, 1935

Dear Doctor Campbell:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th inst. We are pleased to know that you and Mrs. Campbell will come here on Monday the ~~tenth~~ twelfth.

We shall be very glad to see you and shall expect you in time for lunch unless we hear from you to the contrary.

Trusting that this will be convenient for you and looking forward to your coming,

Very truly yours,

Dr. W. W. Campbell
Hotel Maurice
Post Street
San Francisco, Calif.

August 9, 1935

Mr. Paul Baldwin
Boys' Camp, via Napa
Lokoya Lodge, Calif.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

When I called on you at your Boys' Camp yesterday I did not know delinitely how matters were coming out at my end of the line, and therefore did not mention what I had particularly in mind in going to see you. It is this:

Beginning as soon as you are at liberty on or after the twentieth of this month I should like to engage you as car driver, general assistant, and handy man at my place here at Lagunitas for the remainder of my season's stay in California, which is likely to be until the middle or end of October--perhaps earlier.

In the matter of remuneration: I am prepared to pay three dollars per day, with room and board, as long as you stay with me.

You were strongly recommended by Dr. Joseph Grinnell of the University.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

August 14, 1935

C. E. Compton
75 Greenwood Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Compton:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst., I am pleased to know that you have spent six years on the Pribilof Islands and that you have written a 'juvenile story' of the life of the male fur-seal.

Complying with your request, I should be glad to read the manuscript of the book and let you know how it strikes me.

I am an old man and exceedingly busy and am away in the field working with Indians a large part of the time so that I may not be able to read the manuscript as promptly as otherwise.

Very truly yours,

August 14, 1935

Dear Vernon:

A copy of your "Mammals of the Grand Canyon Region" has just reached me. I have read it with acute interest and congratulate you on being father to such a useful publication.

If I were called upon to criticise I would say that you have been mighty lenient in accepting the alleged new sub-species that have been described during the past few years, many of which impress me as based on imaginary differences.

The number of these will prove rather distressing to those who want to know what mammals inhabit the glorious region which you have been so fortunate as to familiarize yourself with more intimately since our joint work there 36 years ago.

Your present contribution is one to be proud of and one that I am sure will prove helpful to many visitors to the Canyon as well as to professional naturalists.

With congratulations,

As ever yours,

Mr. Vernon Bailey
1834 Kalorama Road
Washington, D. C.

August 16, 1935

Paul H. Baldwin
Boys' Camp
Lokoya Lodge, Calif.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. I am glad you accept my offer and that you will come to me on the 21st of this month.

Since the railroad to Lagunitas was abandoned several years ago our place is somewhat unhandy to reach, although there is a bus route from San Rafael to Point Reyes which passes our station.

However, I may be in Berkeley at the time and will either meet you there or leave word with my daughter, Mrs. Zenaida M. Talbot, 2590 Cedar Street. Her telephone number is Ashberry 8520.

Looking forward to having you with us,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 16, 1935

Dr. A. E. Douglass
Stanford University
California

Dear Doctor Douglass:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th inst, in which you allude to my statement about the altitudes of life zones on opposite sides of the San Francisco Mountains.

Having no duplicate left of the original publication of my San Francisco Mountain paper (Fauna 3, 1890) I obtained a copy from my daughter (Mrs. Zenaida M. Talbot) in Berkeley, which I am sending you herewith. Color plates illustrating the different altitudes of the life zones on San Francisco Mountain and neighboring peaks you will find on Plates I and II (descriptions on facing pages).

Trusting these may be of interest to you and thanking you again for your letter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 19, 1935

Mrs. Enid Michael
Yosemite National Park
California

Dear Mrs. Michael:

Your article on Bassariscus in Yosemite in the last issue of Yosemite Nature Notes adds a chapter to previous knowledge of this attractive and mischievous animal and calls to mind Frank Chapman's recent article on the behavior and resourcefulness of a Nasua on Barro Colorado Island. I am anxious to have another copy of your article so I may file it with other publications on Bassariscus.

I am also much interested in Charles Michael's article entitled "The Hudsonian Zone Moves Down" which begins on the last leaf of the same number of Nature Notes--so it is impossible to file both from the same copy.

Smiley's article on the Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel also appeals to me although I don't see why he prefaced the title with the word 'conditioned'.

Your Bird Feeding Tray with pertinent remarks on the behavior of the Blue-fronted Jay reminds me that one of his cousins (Cyanocitta stelleri carbonacea), accompanied by several young-of-the-year, is now a daily visitor to the huckleberry bushes close to our house here at Lagunitas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

August 28, 1935

National Audubon Societies
1775 Broadway
New York City

Enclosed herewith is my check for $1.25 on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D.C. for which kindly send to me addressed to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C. one copy of "The Hawks of North America", text by John Richard May, illustrations by Allan Brooks.

Very truly yours,

encl.

MEMORANDUM--
August 28, 1935
Copy of "The Hawks of North America"
sent to Sterling Bunnell, junior.

August 20, 1935

C. E. Crompton
75 Greenwood Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Crompton:

Your manuscript entitled "The Master of the Purple Rock" reached me safely and I have read it with interest and pleasure.

Accepted as a novel for children, it is a good story and its spirit is admirable. Furthermore, it will give the juvenile readers, for whom it is intended, an excellent knowledge of the general features in the life of the fur-seal with special emphasis on the activities and vicissitudes of the young pups.

It has been more than forty years since I visited the Pribilof Islands to study the fur-seals so it is not strange that the names of the various rookeries have slipped my memory. Your mention of them strikes a pleasant key, and also recalls rather vividly many scenes that were then familiar.

Inasmuch as so many years have elapsed since I worked on the fur-seals I am cloudy as to some important facts. For instance, my recollection is that the great army of fur-seals in their fall migration passes south of the Strait of Fuca and on down well past San Francisco. Your narrative seems to indicate that they winter about opposite the northwest corner of the United States.

Crompton 2

A few suggestions:

One clause in the Foreword (p.7) grates on my nerves: namely, that Dr. Jordan loved the seals and "you can well imagine they were fond of him." Wouldn't it be better to leave this out?

Didn't you slip a cog in stating (p.28) that the southerly winds and rain "sent the floes back to the Arctic where they belong"?

In one place you mention walrus hide as 'pimply'. Wouldn't 'warty' be a better word?

At the top of page 64 I have added 'Harp seals' for the reason that both Harps and Hoods were killed in large numbers on the floes off Labrador when I served as Surgeon on the S.S. Proteus in 1883. I have also taken the liberty, as you will see, of making slight verbal changes on page 64. My objection to the use of the word 'family' in the second line is that it is ambiguous. It is not evident to me whether you intend it to refer to the descendants of Kotik and Sivutch or whether it is used in the technical zoological sense--which of course would not be permissable here.

It is good to see that you are to have so many illustrations. Next to the real thing nothing enters the mind more promptly than pictures. Altogether I believe your book will be an interesting and worthwhile contribution.

I am returning the manuscript to you herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 23, 1935

Mr. Franklin L. Fisher
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Your letter of July 29, accompanied by fifty-two prints of my photographs of a Western Wintoon sacred Indian ceremony held at Grindstone Creek Rancheria in May 1923, reached me duly.

In accordance with your request I have written labels for these photographs and am inclosing the data herewith, numbered consecutively from 1 to 52, and have put the corresponding numbers on the backs of the prints.

I shall be greatly obliged if you would send me at your convenience prints of the same size as those I am returning of the following numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, and 52.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Encl.

KEY TO 52 PHOTOGRAPHS OF A SACRED CEREMONY OF THE WESTERN WINTOON INDIANS. GRINDSTONE CREEK RANCHERIA CALIFORNIA--MAY 1923

By C. Hart Merriam

1-10 Roundhouse in which major part of ceremony was performed.

11-12 Performer with large feather headdress approaching entrance to roundhouse.

13 Same performer backing into entrance to roundhouse. Man behind him guides him to protect the large plumes from injury.

14-20 Mitchopdo Midoo Indian from Chico wearing flat head piece with long upstanding single feather.

21 Performer wearing skirt of frayed willow bark, with headband of flicker feathers, and headdress of wands tipped with California poppies.

22-23 Same performer as in 21, carrying elder music sticks while approaching entrance to roundhouse.

24-25 Performer in frayed-bark skirt (same as in 21-23) accompanied by athlete wearing flicker-feather headdress and black feather occiput piece, carrying quiver in right hand, bow in left hand.

26 Two bark-skirted performers with poppy-tipped headdresses and broad feather belts. One on left carrying the two elder music sticks.

Key to 52 Photographs of a Sacred Ceremony of the
Western Wintoon Indians. Grindstone Creek Rancheria
California--May 1923
By. C. Hart Merriam

27-28 Bark-skirted performers with poppy and feather-tipped headdresses. Attendants arranging costumes.

29-31 Same bark-skirted performers, accompanied by two red-capped performers wearing cloth skirts and long flicker-feather headbands.

32 Three performers, two with cloth skirts and large feather headdresses with long flicker-feather bands; the third with frayed-bark skirt (same as 29-31).

33-36 Red-cap, cloth-skirted performer with white feather collar and broad feather belt. Front view.

37 Four performers in procession. (Badly out of focus.)

38 Left: The two bark-skirted performers carrying music sticks. Right: The two red-cap cloth-skirted performers with flag attendant.

39-40 Single frayed-bark skirt performer with white head piece and white feather-tipped headdress, flicker-feather headbands, carrying a sacred music stick in each hand and running toward flag pole.

41 Same performer (squatting) as in 39 and 40 followed by running performer with large feather and poppy headdress.

Key to 52 Photographs of a Sacred Ceremony of the
Western Wintoon Indians. Grindstone Creek Rancheria
California--May 1923
By C. Hart Merriam

42 Athlete performer (under flag) carrying quiver in right hand, bow in left hand, faced by semi-squatting skirted dancer.

43 Three performers squatting.

44 Two kneeling performers with feather headdresses (left). Flagpole group (right).

45-46 Group of performers running down road.

47 Spectators in front of roundhouse. None in costume.

48 Entrance to roundhouse; two performers on left.

49 Bark-skirted, poppy headdress performer. Group of Indians on right. (Badly out of focus.)

50 Indian house under trees.

51 Brushy hillside back of rancheria.

52 Procession of the five Indian performers in ceremonial costume approaching roundhouse.

August 29, 1935

Mr. Harrison Diaz
Bishop, California

Dear Mr. Diaz:

Very many thanks for your kindness in replying to my inquiry about the name of the Gray Tree Squirrel in your language.

Since the name you give me--Mow-wee--is the same as that used by the Monache Piute people on the west side of the Sierra, and adopted by several of the Piute tribes on your side, it is clearly the right name. I am very glad to have it.

We have just had the first rain of the season and clouds are still heavy overhead.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 29, 1935

Collector of Taxes
District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D.C. for $255.20 in full payment of the real estate assessment on my house and lot at 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C. for the year ending June 30, 1936. Please return receipt.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 20, 1935

Mr. George W. White, Pres.
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Kindly send me another small blank check book, three on a stub, blue cover, addressed to Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

So far this summer I have had a busy season, working with Indians in California and Nevada.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 29, 1935

Mr. Samuel A. Eliot, Jr.
32 Paradise Road
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Eliot:

Your letter of August 22 has just reached me here at my summer base, Lagunitas, California. The prospectus of your book has not been received. If addressed to my Washington home it will not be forwarded, and will be unavailable until my return to Washington.

It interests me to know that you have come across a reference to my "Birds of Connecticut", published by the Connecticut Academy of Sciences nearly sixty years ago. Unfortunately I have no copy of it here at Lagunitas but you will have no trouble locating it in the series of publications of the Connecticut Academy.

In those days I kept very full notes in my journals. These, in company with all of my other journals, are in one of my safes in Washington, and after my death will go the the Library of Congress.

I am not sure about William Street. A man by the name of Street or Streets who lived near Easthampton used to collect rattlesnakes and copperheads on Mount Tom. I once accompanied him to the den from which they emerged in early spring. This interesting adventure resulted in my expulsion from Williston Seminary, Easthampton, which I was attending.

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As to the specimens collected by Prof. Whitney near Northampton in 1840, I have no recollection. I am not sure that I knew of this collection when writing the "Birds of Connecticut".

After my return to Washington in October I may be able to answer more of your questions.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

August 30, 1935

Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Enclosed herewith is my check for $5.40 in payment of account for August, 1935. Please receipt and return the statement.

Enclosed also are fifteen negatives, which kindly enlarge and print as specified on the envelopes.

Very truly yours,

August 30, 1935

Dear V B:

No word from you since you and Florence started north for the Adirondack country. Hope you had good luck and that you will soon return to your old stand.

In again looking over your recent "Mammals of the Grand Canyon" I have had a thought in connection with the Giant Wildcat that Elizabeth spotted and I killed on San Francisco Mountain, September 28, 1889, and to which I applied the name Lynx baileyi.

On page 31 of your Grand Canyon Mammals I notice your remark that the type of baileyi from Moccasin Spring, Arizona, north of the Grand Canyon, is only "about the size of the eastern Bobcat."

Refering to my San Francisco Mountain Fauna (p.80) I find that the measurements of the type specimen, an adult female, are: length 780, tail 130, hind foot 170. You saw this animal before it was skinned--in fact if I remember clearly--while it was still across the back of my horse. If so you will remember that as it hung over the horse its feet nearly touched the ground on both sides. I admit that this is a slight exaggeration for the distance from the feet to the ground was probably a full foot. Nevertheless, there seems to be no doubt whatever that this beast was very much larger than your Moccasin Spring specimen which

Bailey 2

you say was about the size of the eastern Bobcat. My San Francisco Mountain animal, although a female, was about double the size of the biggest Bobcat I ever saw.

In view of the above circumstances it strikes me that the San Francisco Mountain cat must have been about double the size of your Moccasin Spring animal and therefore is likely to be undescribed. You can easily determine this by going to the Museum and comparing your Moccasin Spring specimen with my San Francisco Mountain one.

It's so long since we last heard from you or Florence that we begin to be worried.

As ever yours,

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 30, 1935

C O P Y - -

Dear Mrs. Bunnell:

We are anxious about that dear boy of yours and most earnestly hope that his fall Tuesday night has not left any unpleasant symptoms.

It is hardly necessary to say that we greatly enjoyed the evening with you and that we were delighted with your new surroundings--almost like real country--and with the added attraction of the nucleus of a zoo. When one can't live in real country it is a great thing to bring up a boy with such surroundings.

I am enclosing a few photographs taken during our recent trips to Nevada.

With best wishes to you both--and the dear boy,

Mrs. Sterling Bunnell
2000 Broadway
San Francisco, Calif.

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Expense Account Month of August 1935

1935		Schwabacher	
August 1	Audubon Society pub.: "Hawks of North America"		1 25
2	Manila envelopes .80; erasers .18		98
3	San Rafael-Richmond ferry car asst ret		1 70
	10 gals gas @ 19¢		1 90
6	San Anselmo: 10 gals gas @ 19¢		1 90
	Saus-S.F. ferry ret self asst 50; S.F.carfares 20		70
	Schwabacher-Frey Co. office supplies	1	4 79
	S.F.-Berkeley ferry ret self asst 84; taxi 35		1 19
	Lunch self asst 1.25; Saus car storage 35		1 60
7	Charles Isham:services asst Aug 1-7 @ $3 per day	2	21 00
	San Raf-Rich ferry car self 2 asst 1.15;dinners 1.75		2 90
8	Napa: 12 gals gas @ 19¢		2 28
	Berkeley: carfares 25; meals self asst 2.87		3 12
	Ridge Rd Inn asst room 2 nights	3	3 00
	Book: Jaeger-"California Deserts"	4	2 50
	John M. Olney Garage, car service	5	5 98
14	San Rafael-Richmond ferry car self asst ret		1 70
	Saus-S.F. ferry self asst ret 50; paper cement 26		76
	S.F. carfares 30; meals self asst 2.80		3 10
	Berkeley: J.M.Olney Garage car repair	6	2 00
	10 gals gas @ 18½¢		1 85
15	S.F: Pickwick Hotel rooms self asst & phone	7	7 00
	Meals self asst		1 60
16	Calif State Auto Ass'n dues to Sept 1936		12 00
19	Grand Canyon Nature Notes 3 copies		1 00

20	Robert Gardner: services Aug 8-30 @ $3 per day	8	39 00
	San Anselmo: 10 gals gas @ 19¢		1 90
	Saus-S.F. ferry self assts 75; carfare 3 persons 55		1 30
	Stamped envelopes 2.59; postage 57		3 16
	S. F: Schwabacher-Frey-office supplies	9	1 13
	6 rolls panchromatic film 2.16; dinners 1.80		3 96
21	Pickwick Hotel, rooms self asst	10	6 90
	Meals self asst 1.84; S.F. ferry asst 15		1 99
	Sausalito:car storage 50; 4 gals gas @ 19¢-76		1 26
27	Saus-S.F. ferry self asst 25;S.F.carfare & taxi 75		1 00
	S. F: Meals self asst 3.15; paralastik 26		3 41
	San Raf-Rich ferry car asst 85; 11 gals gas 2.04		2 89
	Berkeley: J. M. Olney car repair	11	1 50
28	S.F: Pickwick Hotel self asst rooms	12	7 00
	Meals self asst 1.00; S.F.-Berk ferry 42		1 42
	Rich-San Rafael ferry self car 2 assts		1 15
31	Paul Baldwin:services asst Aug 21-31 @ $3 per day	13	33 00
	San Rafael: 4 gals gas @ 19¢		76
	En route: lunch self 2 assts 1.35; dinners 2.10		3 45
Sept 1	Colusa:car storage 35; 11 gals gas @ 15¢ 1.65		2 00
	Pd. 3 Indians for vocab and information		8 50
	Colusa: Meals self 2 assts		5 70
	Riverside Hotel one night self 2 assts	14	6 00
	Carquinez Bridge toll car self 2 assts		90
2	Berkeley: Whitecotton Hotel room asst	15	3 00

Sept 2

San Rafael-Rich ferry car self 2 assts 10 gals gas @ 19¢			1 15 1 90
Eric Swenson: photo work August 1935		15	5 40
Allen Press Clippings Bureau August 1935			4 83
PG&E Co: electric current July21-Aug 21 $11.47		1/3	3 82
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September 2, 1935

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of August 1935 amounting to $247.18, and also salary voucher for my Secretary, Miss Jean Carr, for August, amounting to $160.00, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

September 9, 1935

Collector of Taxes
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D.C. for $113.24 in full payment of my D.C. Personal Tax assessment for 1936 on intangible property.

Please return receipt.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 9, 1935

Dr. W. B. Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Having now returned from a field trip up Sacramento River, and having received prints of the photographs we took the day we all went to Inverness, I have picked out a few which I think you will be interested to have and am enclosing them herewith.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

September 9, 1935

C. E. Crompton
75 Greenwood Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Crompton:

In compliance with your request I am handing you herewith a Prefatory Note for your interesting little book on the young Fur-seals.

Very truly yours,

Prefatory Letter by Dr. C. Hart Merriam who in 1883 visited the Arctic Seal Fishery off Labrador, and in 1891 was sent to Alaska as U.S. Bering Sea Commissioner to investigate the condition of the Fur-seals on the Pribilof Islands.

The bleak fog-ridden shores of the Pribilof Islands in Bering Sea are the summer home of one of the most interesting and valuable animals of the whole world--the Fur-seals.

Here among the slippery fog-shrouded rocks the helpless young are born; here they learn the stern law of the survival of the fittest; and from here each Fall they set out to swim southerly through the great ocean on the longest journey performed by any mammal in the world.

Years ago Dr. David Starr Jordan, then President of Stanford University, was so impressed by their extraordinary life that he felt inspired to write the story of the baby Fur-seals and their mother--'Matka and Kotik'.

Now, after many seasons of observation on the rookeries of the Fur-seal islands, C. Edward Crompton has written for children a similar but fuller story, telling of the troubled life of the young on the rookeries and following them south in their annual migration until they become lost to us in the vastness of the great Pacific Ocean.

Both for children and adults 'The Master of the Purple Rock' is an entertaining and informative story, written understandingly and affording an excellent picture of the general features of the life history of the Fur-seals.

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California
September 9, 1935

Sept. 16, 1935

Bookshop,
Am. Museum Natural History
New York City

Enclosed is my check for $1.32 on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D.C., for which please send one of your MUSEUM ANIMAL THEATRES to my grandson, Lee Talbot, 2590 Cedar St., Berkeley, California.

C. Hart Merriam

September 18, 1935

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th inst. and the photographs. It's good to see again your unique Clear Lake Manzanita drive.

Glad you liked my photographs of the Bishop Pine. The three negatives are enclosed.

I'm just packing for a trip up Sacramento River and expect to be back in four days or less.

In haste, and with best love to you all,

As ever,

C. Hart Merriam

September 22, 1935

Dear Merriam:

Inasmuch as you have arrived in Washington for the winter and are settled for the present at 1919 16th Street I feel impelled to drop you a line to let you know what I want you to do before my return.

Downstairs in the garage you will find my big old car which as you may remember once carried you and the rest of your family and ours to California. It is old and long out of date but nevertheless is a mighty good car and willing to work for some years to come.

It should be worth at least a hundred dollars to the right person, but as I have no knowledge or suggestion as to who the right person might be, I'm putting it up to you.

Therefore, be it understood, that I herewith give said car outright and unattached to my grandson, Merriam Abbot, on the following conditions;

That he use it or dispose of it to suit himself provided he remove it from my garage on or shortly after my return to Washington (which may be about a month hence) for the particular reason that the room which it occupies is badly needed for file cases.

With best love, as ever and always yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sold by CHM May 1936 for $16 which sum was given to Merriam Abbot. C.

September 23, 1935

Mr. Frank Leibig
Forest Service
Kalispell, Mont.

Dear Mr. Leibig:

Your letter of the 11th inst. was forwarded to Lagunitas from Washington.

It has been many years since I have worked on mammal skulls. I am now devoting all my time to work with California Indians and am out of touch with mammal and bird collectors.

If you write the Biological Survey at Washington they might be interested.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

October 1, 1935

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

The enclosed letters with accompanying clippings in regard to a proposed lecture with colored slides on the Utah Fairyland of Bryce Canyon National Park by Dr. C. O. Schneider of Chicago explains itself.

I am not personally acquainted with Doctor Schneider but, having seen most of the wonderful and interesting natural features of North America, have no hesitation in expressing the feeling that Bryce Canyon is one of the most strikingly remarkable and beautiful of the many scenic regions of this continent.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Harriman

October 1, 1935

W. L. Pemberton
Estate of E. H. Harriman
59 Wall Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Pemberton:

Returning from a field trip I find your letter of September 25 awaiting attention.

The letters and clippings you enclosed from Doctor Schneider in regard to a proposed lecture on Bryce Canyon I have sent to Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President of the National Geographic Society in Washington.

A copy of my letter is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

E. Harriman

October 1, 1935

Miss Antoinette Tams
1400 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tams:

Your letter of September 25 asking for the address of my brother, Charles Collins Merriam, is at hand.

I regret to say that my brother died at his home at Lyons Falls, New York about a year ago. His wife, Mrs. Florence Lyon Merriam died a few weeks earlier.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 2, 1935

U. S. Forest Service
Division of Maps
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send two copies of the latest map of the Sequoia National Forest to Homer Carson, Indian Agent, Tule River Indian Reservation, Porterville, Calif; also two to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif., for which I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 2, 1935

Dear Floddie:

Enclosed are some of the shadows you and your old man and your smallest kid cast for perpetuation for the benefit of the Merriam-Brandreth-Youngberg complex.

Trusting you all are still able to enjoy bread and milk in the glorious California climate, and with love from Lagunitas,

Yours,

Mrs. J. Carlisle Youngberg
1201 Greenwich Street
San Francisco, California

October 2, 1935

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of September 1935, amounting to $ 252.13, and also salary voucher for my Secretary, Miss Jean Carr, for September, amounting to $ 160.00, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Also please send me a supply of voucher blanks.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

1935		Expense Account Month September 1935			
Sept.	5	San Rafael: 8 gals gas @ 19¢		1	52
	6	San Anselmo-S.F. carfare self asst			96
		San Raf.-Richmond ferry, car asst			85
		S. F. carfares 20; envelopes & erasers 42			62
		Rand McNally maps, Calif.	1	3	14
		S.F.-Berk ferry, self asst 42; 6 rolls film 1.85		2	27
		Berkeley: Olney Ford car service	2	2	55
		Rich-San Raf. ferry car self 2 assts		1	15
	7	Fairfax: 7 gals gas @ 16½¢		1	16
	14	San Rafael: 8 gals gas @ 16½¢		1	32
	19	San Rafael: 5 gals gas @ 16½¢			83
		Sears Point Toll Road, car, self, 2 assts			45
		Colusa: Meals self 2 assts		3	75
19-20		Indians at Kahchil, information and vocabs		8	50
	20	Riverside Hotel, one night, self 2 assts	3	7	00
		Car storage 1 night 35; 11 gals gas @ 15¢		2	00
		Meals, self 2 assts 5.80; notebooks 20		6	00
		Carquinez Bridge toll car self 2 assts			90
	21	Berkeley-S.F. ferry self asst ret			84
		S. F. carfares 20; lunch self asst 1.00		1	20
	22	Berkeley: Whitecotton Hotel room asst 2 nights	4	5	20
		Meals, asst 2.25; can car polish 52		2	77
		9½ gals gas @ 16¢		1	52
		Richmond-San Raf, ferry car self 2 assts		1	15
		THE AUK Magazine for 1936		5	00

24	Berkeley: 7 gals gas @ 16¢			1 12
	Olney Ford car service , 5 qts oil		5	2 55
	Trip to Tule River Indian Reservation:			
26	San Rafael-Richmond ferry car self 2 assts			1 15
	Manteca: 10 gals gas @ 15¢			1 50
	Meals en route, self 2 assts			3 85
27	Porterville: 10½ gals gas @ 15¢			1 58
	Meals, self 2 assts			4 35
28	Crayons 20; meals self 2 assts 4.75			4 95.
27-29	Indians, Tule River Indian Reservation, information and vocabularies			11 00
29	Hotel Porterville, 3 rooms, 3 nights		6	15 00
	Porterville; 5 gals gas @ 15:75; meals 4.40			5 15
30	Fresno: Hotel California, 3 rooms, 1 night		7	8 50
	Car storage 50; meals self 2 assts 2.55			3 05
	6 gals gas @ 15¢			90
	Berkeley: 10 gals gas @ 16¢			1 60
	Olney garage, Ford car service		8	1 50
	Richmond-San Raf ferry car self 2 assts			1 15
	P.G.& E. Electric Current Sept. 1935 $11.40	1/3		3 80
	Eric Swenson, photo work month Sept. 1935		9	26 78
	Paul Baldwin services asst Sept 1-30: 30 days @ $3		10	90 00
				252 13

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252.13

October 5, 1935

Dear Henry:

A letter from Dorothy gives us the good news that she is now in Washington on her preliminary hunt for suitable quarters for the winter. We wish we also were there--we hope to be before many weeks.

My special object in writing is to tell you something about the furnace, which I assume you will be needing right away.

On returning to Washington every year it has been our habit to phone Arthur J. Tholl to clean the furnace, which he does promptly. Then we phone a man named Artz, whose number is on the revolving phone directory you gave us some years ago and which ever since has reposed on the little hall table. You will find his name and number but you can never get him on the phone. His wife answers, and when he comes home at night, gives him the message, and after his supper he comes to the house, cleans out the burner apparatus and starts the fire.

There are several mysteries in connection with this oil furnace which he can explain to you, especially in regard to the oil overflow which puts out the furnace, and its relighting--a tricky job which he fully understands.

Abbot 2

Furnace oil:

We formerly got our furnace oil from the Shell Company but later changed to Standard. Standard look out for the tank and keeps it full, saving us from the strain of uncertainty when the supply is low.

So you had better from Standard to watch tank when we know when you are coming with be at the home. One more field trip — pencils too — and we start to start for home!

Yours ever
Hart

Henry D. Abbot
1919 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

October 5, 1935

Dear Henry:

A letter from Dorothy gives us the good news that she is now in Washington on her preliminary hunt for suitable quarters for the winter. We wish we also were there--we hope to be before many weeks.

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So you had better [illegible] Standard to fill the tank when you know when you are coming with the car.
One more field trip — family too — and we start to start for home!

Yours ever
Hart

Henry D. Abbot
1919 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

Retake of Preceding Frame

October 5, 1935

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Very many thanks for your letter of yesterday with enclosures of photographs of the Inverness pines--and also, your most important photograph of the cones of most of our California species of pines. It goes without saying that such a photograph, bringing the cones of the various species together on one page for easy comparison, is a real boon to students of our California conifers.

We are glad to hear of the new addition to Bruce's family and congratulate you and Mrs. Stephens on being the Grandparents. We trust that SHE may grow and prosper and be a joy forever--like the rest of the Stephens family.

Elizabeth and I wish we might have enjoyed with you your recent three-day visit to the Clear Lake Shadows.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 5, 1935

Dear Vernon and Florence:

Vernon's letter of September 29 arrived this morning and brings good news all along the line. We envy you in having Dorothy, Henry, and Merriam with you more or less every day or evening--a joy we hope to have a little later. But we don't envy Dorothy her house hunting job--wish they all were going to stay with us.

You seem to be going in for moving pictures nowadays, a diversion that never appealed to me so far as the taking is concerned--though in many cases I enjoy seeing them on the screen. Your fox pictures should make an interesting exhibit.

The best news in your letter is that you are reading proof on your OREGON FAUNA and that your Life Zone Map "is a beauty". When this FAUNA is in type you will have completed a most important series of faunal publications and one that will be highly valuable to both present and future faunal naturalists.

E. joins me in love to you all, including Marian,

As ever yours,

Hart

October 5, 1935

Mr. Franklin L. Fisher
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Very many thanks for the requested prints from my negatives of the Grindstone Western Wintoon Indian ceremony, as listed in my letter of August 23.

They are admirable and it goes without saying that I am very glad to have them for my Indian album.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

October 5, 1935

Prof. Robert H. Lowie
Department of Anthropology
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Professor Lowie:

Returning from field work I find a package of material, apparently forwarded by you, covering a provisional plan for an American collection of ethnological and historical works. I have spent more than half a day in reading this outline.

Briefly, the work the foreign authors had in mind appears to be almost purely historical with a little archaeology and anthropology worked in here and there. The plan certainly is colossal, and as little of it relates to anthropology that I fail to see why anthropologists should be particularly interested in it.

Herewith I am returning the documents you sent me.

Very truly yours,

October 8, 1935

U. S. Forest Service
Division of Maps
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

In compliance with my request of October 2 for two copies of the latest map of Sequoia National Forest you sent me copies of the Tourist Edition on glazed paper.

The maps I need are for coloring and I shall be greatly obliged if you will send me two copies of the last edition printed on dull-finish paper suitable for coloring.

Very truly yours,

October 9, 1935

Mr. Ed Gardner
Woodacre, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Enclosed is my check for $10.42; the 42¢ covering the balance due on the enclosed bill, the $10.00 for labor and material in installing the tank recently placed on the spring just below my road, for which I am very much obliged.

returned by gardner

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

October 17, 1935

Allen's Press Clippings Bureau
255 Commercial Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

Please change my address for Allen's Press Clippings from Lagunitas, California to 1919 16th St. Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 17, 1935

Similar letters sent to magazine subscriptions as listed on page 685

(one change)

Journal of Mammalogy

William H. Burt
Museum of Zoology
Univ. of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

October 17, 1935

Mr. George W. White, Pres.
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed herewith is my check on the Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco for two thousand dollars ($2,000) payable to my account in the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, which kindly credit to my account.

Trusting you are in good health and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

October 18, 1935

Marion Hale Britten
National Research Council
2101 Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Your letter of October 11 enclosing single copy of blank calling for data for International Directory of Anthropologists is at hand. The blank is returned herewith with brief memoranda.

Very truly yours,

October 17, 1935

Mr. Dan Williams
Tule River Indian Reservation
Porterville, California

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are enlargements of the photographs I took of you on my first visit last month. I think they are very good and hope you will like them.

I was glad to find you so much improved in health when I visited you several days ago, and hope to see you again if I am able to return to the Reservation next year. I am leaving for my home in Washington, D. C. in a week or so.

With best wishes,

October 17, 1935

Mr. Jose Vera
Tule River Indian Reservation
Porterville, California

Dear Mr. Vera:

Enclosed are enlargements of the photographs I took of you on my visit to the Reservation last month, and promised to send you.

I think they are very good and hope you will like them too.

With best wishes,

October 18, 1935

Mr. William Benjamin
Colusa, California

Dear Mr. Benjamin:

Enclosed are enlargements of the photographs I took of you last month and promised to send you.

I think they are very good and hope you will like them.

With best wishes,

October 18, 1935

Mr. William Wiley
Colusa, California

Dear Mr. Wiley:

Enclosed are enlargements of the photographs I took of you and your daughter Ruth, when I visited you last month. I think they are very good.

Sorry for the delay in sending them but have just returned from a trip south to the Tule River Indian Reservation in San Joaquin Valley.

I was very glad to see you again this year and hope to be able to return next year. Am leaving for Washington in a week or so.

With best wishes to you and your daughters,

Very truly yours,

October 18, 1935

Mrs. Mace, Teacher
Indian School
Colusa, California

Dear Mrs. Mace:

Enclosed is an enlargement of the photograph I took of you and Bill Wiley and his daughter on my visit to your school last month. I think it is very good.

Enclosed also are three prints of some school-boys which I took at the same time. Would you kindly give one to each of them.

You certainly have a fine school at Kahchil and I appreciate your courtesy to me while I was there.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. and Mrs. C. Hart Merriam
regret their inability to be present
at the dinner to be given by the
Roosevelt Memorial Association on
Sunday evening, October 27.

October 19, 1935

October 18, 1935

Dear Mrs. Young:

It was indeed most kind of you to send me by Dr. and Mrs. Bunnell the beautiful picture of Mount Shasta.

Many years ago when my daughters were little tots Mrs. Merriam and I camped near the edge of timberline on the south side of this great mountain while I was making a Biological Survey of the region in 1898. At this time Vernon Bailey and I made a complete circuit of the mountain just below timberline. We started on horseback but had to lead our horses most of the way and found more than one high-up place where we had to remove rocks to get them through.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. A. P. Young
Orleans, California

October 18, 1935

Dear Mrs. Bunnell:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th inst. received on my return from a trip in the old Tulare Lake region. We are glad to know that you were so successful and that the dear Doctor had such good luck with his fishing.

Glad you saw Mrs. Young and thanks for your trouble in bringing and sending the picture of Shasta she gave you for me.

It is good that your dear little boy is learning to draw in addition to his other accomplishments. He surely is a most intelligent and lovable child.

We still hope to see you again before we start back for Washington.

Best wishes to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Sterling Bunnell
2000 Broadway
San Francisco, California

October 18, 1935

Mrs. William Hulsey
Big Bend, Shasta County
California

Dear Mrs. Hulsey:

The sad news of your husband's death has just reached us. We all, including Mrs. Merriam and my daughter Zenaida, are pained to know that he is no more.

For years I have hoped to visit you again, but other work has prevented. We all remember with pleasure your kindness to us while we were camped in your front yard.

With best wishes from us all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1935

Eric C. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Herewith I am enclosing thirty-two small negatives from which please make for me three prints each, postal size.

In some of the prints last received the level ground was printed slanting strongly down hill. Kindly look out for this in the enlargements.

These prints, which you told my Secretary, Miss Carr, that you had mailed Wednesday morning did not reach me until this morning.

Instead of mailing the prints from this batch of negatives it might be well to hold them at your office until I call for them sometime in the near future.

Very truly yours,

October 25, 1935

National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

On and after receipt of this letter kindly address my mail to 1919 16th Street, Washington, instead of Lagunitas, California. Am returning East in a few days for the winter.

Very truly yours,

October 25, 1935

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

On and after receipt of this letter kindly address my mail to 1919 16th Street, Washington, instead of Lagunitas, California. Am returning East in a few days for the winter.

Very truly yours,

October 24, 1935

Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this letter kindly discontinue forwarding Mrs. Merriam's and my mail to Lagunitas, California; please deliver it as usual to 1919 16th Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,

October 26, 1935

Fidelity Storage Co.
1420 U Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am shipping to you as usual via Railway Express, charges collect, from San Rafael, California, six packages insured for five thousand dollars ($5,000), which kindly hold until I notify you on my return to Washington in a few days.

Very truly yours,

October 26, 1935

Mrs. Sophia Mace
Indian School
Colusa, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Mace:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in writing me in regard to the photographs I took of some of the folks at Kahchil Dehe. I am especially pleased with the letters from the three little boys.

We are now packing for Washington--quite a job--and will leave in a day or two, so that to my regret I shall not be able to visit you again this year.

Please give my best wishes to Bill Wiley and daughters and the little boys. I am sorry to have missed Wiley's married daughter, Helen, whom I have known for a good many years.

With best wishes from Miss Carr and myself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 26, 1935

Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association
Roosevelt House, 28 East 20th Street
New York City

Replying to your request for a "birthday gift to help keep alive in the youth of today his (Theodore Roosevelt's) spirit and his ideals of good citizenship," I am enclosing herewith a small contribution toward this truly great aim. ($10)

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 28, 1935

To Whom It May Concern:

During the past two and a half months I have employed Paul Baldwin as driver of my car and general assistant.

He is preternaturally silent, an excellent driver, careful, and willing to follow directions.

In other work he has been helpful and industrious so I do not hesitate to recommend him.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account Month October 1935

				1	85
Oct.	3	Saus-S.F. ferry self 2 assts ret.75; taxis 1.10			84
		S.F.-Berkeley ferry ret 2 assts		4	20
		Meals self 2 assts.		1	50
		Book: Kroeber-The Patwin and Their Neighbors	1	6	70
	4	S. F.: Pickwick Hotel rooms 1 night self asst	2	2	32
		Edward Denny Co. maps		2	50
		Brkfsts, lunches self 2 assts			50
		Suasalito: car storage one night	3	3	71
		Allens Press Clippings for September		1	30
	7	San Anselmo-S.F. carfare asst 48. lunches 2 assts	82	1	05
		Richmond-San Raf ferry car asst 85; phones 20			
		Berkeley: Olney Garage, Ford car service	4	2	55
		S.F.-Berk ferry asst .21; S.Raf-Rich ferry car assts		1	21
		Berkeley: 10 gals gas @ 16¢		1	60
	Trip	to Hanford and Tule River Reservation:			
	10	San Raf-Rich ferry car self 2 assts 1.15; meals 2.58		3	73
		Modesto: 11 gals gas @ 15¢		1	65
	11	Merced: Anderson Motor Inn, cabin one night	5	3	50
		Hanford: Meals self 2 assts 4.15; notebooks .75		4	90
		10 gals gas @ 15¢		1	50
	12	Meals self 2 assts		4	97
		Choonut Indian, vocab work and information		3	00
	13	Hanford: Hotel Whilton 3 rooms 2 nights	6	14	00
		Meals self 2 assts		4	73
		Tule River Indian vocab work		3	00

	14	Tulare: Hotel Tulare 3 rooms 1 night	7	6	00
		7 gals gas @15¢-1.05; car storage 35		1	40
		Meals self 2 assts 4.84; 4 rolls film 1.20		5	04
		Hanford: Choonut Indian vocab work & information		3	00
		Modesto: 9 gals gas @ 15¢		1	35
	15	Berkeley: 8 gals gas @ 14½¢-1.16; meals assts 1.61		2	77
	15	Berkeley: Olney Ford Garage, car servce	8	2	55
	16	Hotel Whitecotton room 2 nights asst	9	5	20
		Lunches, self 2 assts		2	00
		Richmond-San Raf ferry car self 2 assts		1	15
		Berkeley: Olney Ford Garage, repairs to car	10	3	78
	19	San Anselmo-S.F. carfare and ferry asst ret			85
		S.F. carfare .10; lunch asst. 35; S.A.-Lag bus 35			80
		S.F.:Office supplies: envelopes 2.00; type ribbonl.03		3	03
	21	San Raf.-Rich ferry car self assts		1	15
		Rich-San Raf ferry car self 2 assts		1	15
		San Rafael: 7 gals gas @ 15¢		1	05
		Ukiah: 8 gals gas @ 17½¢		1	40
		Ford Garage, car repair		2	00
		Meals self 2 assts		4	40
	22	Garberville: Garberville Inn 3 rooms		5	00
		5 gals gas @18½¢-93; car storage 35		1	28
		Meals, self 2 assts 4.50; Carquinez Bridge 90		5	40
		Napa: 11 gals gas @ 15¢		1	65
	23	Berkeley: Hotel Whitecotton asst 1 night	11	2	50

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

		Olney Ford Garage, repairs to car	12	3 75
		Lunches, self 2 assts		1 25
		Rich-San Raf ferry car self 2 assts		1 15
		Saus-S.F. ferry self 2 assts ret 75; S.F. taxis 70		1 45
		S.F. Meals self asst 1.30; 6 rolls film 1.82		3 12
24		Hotel Pickwick 1 night self asst	13	6 60
		Brkfst self asst 70; car storage 50		1 20
		S.F. Berkeley ferry ret asst		42
26		Nat. Acad. Sci. Proceedings 1936		10 00
		San Rafael: expressman 1.00; phone 25		1 25
28		Paul Baldwin:Services asst Oct 1-28; 28 days @ $3	14	84 00
		Hauling trunk, Lagunitas-San Rafael		2 00
		Eric Swenson, Photo work month October ,1935	15	34 95

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Nov. 6, 1935

Dr Gilbert Grosvenor
President, National Geographic Soc.

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Returning from California I find your friendly letter of Nov. 1, asking how many tickets for the Geographic lectures I would like for the coming series.

If you can spare so many, I should appreciate three, but if not, two will be thankfully accepted .

If convenient, I should be glad to have them delivered at my home, 1919 16St, as was done last winter.

Truly yours,

November 9, 1935

New York Zoological Society
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find my check of $1.50 for which kindly send me two copies of The Fur-Seal of the California Islands, by Townsend.

Also please send me the Gallery of Wild Animal Paintings in the Zoological Park.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 13, 1935

California State Historical Society
609 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find my check for $1.60 on the Crocker National Bank, for which kindly send a copy of Kit Carson in California by Charles L. Camp, addressed to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 13, 1935

Hartley B. Alexander
Scripps College
Claremont, California

Dear Doctor Alexander:

In order to complete my files I am very anxious to obtain a picture of my friend Francis La Fleche, who for many years lived with Alice Fletcher on Capitol Hill.

If you have an extra copy of the photograph that appeared with your article in the American Anthropologist for April-June 1933 I would greatly appreciate one.

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Harrison

November 15, 1935

Crocker National Bank
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me another small narrow blank check book, one check on a page, red cover, addressed to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C. and oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Harrison

Returned marked uncalled for

November 16, 1935

Mrs. Jose Alonza
Hanford, California

Dear Mrs. Alonza:

Enclosed are some enlargements of the pictures of you taken on my visit to Hanford last month--also a picture of your little dog. They are all very good and I hope you will like them.

Since visiting you I have travelled all the way across the continent to Washington which is my winter home. I was very glad to see you before leaving California and hope you will have a good winter.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

Dear Yoimut:

I hope you are having a nice time working on the quilt.

Jean Carr

November 16, 1935

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Accept my appreciative thanks for the two volumes that you so kindly sent me last evening--
Hunting Wild Life with Camera and Flashlight by George Shiras.

A hasty glance at the text and the multitude of remarkable photographs shows that the book is an important contribution to the natural history of North America and at the same time a tribute to Shiras's lifetime interest and perseverance.

Evident also is the vast amount of editorial work bestowed upon it by you and your able assistants.

With renewed thanks and best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

November 19, 1935

Peabody Museum Library
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

If still available kindly send me a copy of each of the following publications:

128. Dixon, R.B. Basketry Designs of the Maidu Indians of California. 1900.
130. " " " The Pronominal Dual in the Languages of California. 1906.
131. " " " System and Sequence in Maidu Mythology. 1903.
132. " " " Words for Tobacco in American Indian Languages. 1921.
175. Fewkes Hopi Basket Dances. 1899.
176. " Hopi Ceremonial Frames from Arizona. 1906.
294. Judd, N.M. Arizona Sacrifices Her Prehistoric Canals. 1930
295. " " " Arizona's Prehistoric Canals from the Air. 1931. (From "Exploration and Field-Work of the S.I. in 1930")
302. Kroeber, A.L. Decorative Symbolism of the Arapaho. 1901.
303. " " " Preliminary Sketch of the Mohave Indians. 1902.
304. " " " Ute Tales. 1901.
305. " " " Wishosk Myths. 1905.
489. Putnam, F.W. Evidence of the Work of Man on Objects from Quaternary Caves in California. 1906.
490. " " " The Indians of California. 1880. Abstract of Lecture.
548. Sapir, E. Southern Paiute and Nahuatl--a Study in Uto-Aztekan. Pt. 2. 1915.
660. Willoughby Feather Mantles of California. 1922.
275. Hough, Walter A Cache of Basket Maker Baskets from New Mexico. (From Proceedings of U. S. Nat.Mus. v.81, art. 10)

Please send books and bill addressed to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Charles P. Everitt
45 West 47th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

If still available kindly send me the five volumes of Native Races of Pacific States by H. H. Bancroft, 1873.

If not sold will send check for $3.75.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

already Sold (11/23/35

November 19, 1935

University of California Press
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find my check for $3.50 for which kindly send me two copies each of Tubatulabal Grammar and Tubatulabal Texts, both by Charles F. Voegelin.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 29, 1935

Treasurer, United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) for which kindly send me two $1000 United States Savings Bonds at $750 each.

Very truly yours,

Egbert Bagg & Co.
219 Genesee Street
Utica, New York

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for renewal of my Continental Insurance Policy on property at 1919 16th Street, Washington, to Nov. 27, 1938, for which my check for $25 is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

November 30, 1935

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of November 1935 amounting to $191.92: also salary voucher for my Secretary, Jean Carr, for November amounting to $170, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

December 2, 1935

Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Enclosed is my check for $16.87 in payment of accompanying bill which kindly receipt and return.

I was pained to know that you have been laid up with an infected foot and trust that by this time you have fully recovered.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account, Month November 1935

Oct.	28	Saus-S.F. ferry ret self & asst 50; lunches .60		1 10
		San Raf. express .36; baggage to S. F. .96		1 32
		San Raf-Rich ferry car self 2 assts 1.30; 5 g.gas .73		2 03
	29	San Francisco: Hotel Pickwick one night asst	1	2 70
		Meals asst 2.00; taxi 1.05		3 05
		R.R: S.F.-D.C: Pullman Compt $59 1/2		29 50
		Meals $10; porters 1.50		11 50
		Chicago taxi field Museum .60; baggage .40		1 00
		D. C. baggage .85; taxis 80		1 65
		J. Carr: Pullman Berth $21; meals, porter $11.50		32 50
		Baggage, S. F. chicago & D. C.		
Nov.	2	National Acad. Sci Proc. to July 1936		1 30
	4	Fidelity Storage Co, D.C.: Insured express & del.	2	10 00
		vocabs, maps & MSS from Calif.		
		Allens Press Clippings for October, 1935	3	34 84
		Fuel Oil for November, 1935 $16.58 1/3	4	3 47
	7	Florence Johnson, cleaning office rooms Oct, 1935	5	5 53
	9	Townsend: Calif Fur Seals		8 00
	13	P.G.&E. El. current Calif. Oct. Lag. $8.80 1/3	6	1 50
		Kit Carson in Calif. 1.60: Stationery .95		2 93
	19	Voegelin: Tubatulabal 2 vols. 2 each		2 55
	20	Nature Mag. 1936 $3; stamped envls. postage 2.83		3 50
	25	Wellman: Death on the Prairie		5 83
		Pot. El Power Co. Elec. to Nov. 18 $4.41 1/3	7	3 00
		Peabody Museum, ten pamphlets	8	1 47
	27	National Park Assoc for 1936		1 85
		Dickey: Birds Pacif SW 3.75; T&T Grand Canyon 1.00		2 00
	29	Gas for Nov. 1935 $7.93 1/3	9	4 75
	30	Edith Jackson, cleaning office rooms, Nov, 1935	10	2 64
	30	Taxis & carfares, self asst Nov.		5 00
				4 20
				191 92

December 2, 1935

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

It was indeed kind of you to send me a copy of the beautifully colored book 'Our Insect Friends and Foes and Spiders' and also the new Cumulative Index of the National Geographic Magazine. Accept my appreciative thanks, and apologies for the delay in acknowledgment. In the accumulation of mail on my desk on returning from California they were overlooked until today.

Both books are useful as well as valuable contributions.

Your history of the Society in the foreword of the Cumulative Index is especially interesting and suggests many pleasant memories.

With thanks and best wishes,

December 2, 1935

Mr. Ray Yager
La Pine, Oregon

Dear Sir:

It's a long time since I heard from you in regard to your little bear from the lavabed region of western Oregon. It then weighed twenty-five pounds.

Am wondering if by this time it has not grown to be a regular black bear?? I should be glad to hear from you what has happened to it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

December 5, 1935

Mr. Ray Yager
La Pine, Oregon

Dear Sir:

It's a long time since I heard from you in regard to your little bear from the lavaba region of western Oregon. It then weighed twenty-five pounds. Am wondering if by this time it has not grown to be a regular black bear. I should be glad to hear from you what has happened to it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

December 5, 1935

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Replying to your letter of December 4, I shall be very glad to attend the Society's lunch on Monday, December 9, at 1:15 p.m. to meet Captain Albert W. Stevens, Captain Orvil A. Anderson and Captain Randolph P. Williams.

Thanking you for this privilege,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 5, 1935

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
Univ. California
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Yours of November 30 is at hand. Yes, I shall be glad to compare the skull of your southern California bear, presumably a Grizzly, with that of specimens in the National Museum and Biological Survey collections.

If you will send it on, I will take the first opportunity to do this, so that it may be returned promptly.

Replying to your question, I regret that I do not know any one else who knows anything about bear skulls.

Sorry I was not in Washington during your visit a month or so ago.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 5, 1935

Burton T. Ostenson
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ostenson:

Replying to your request of November 11, I am sending you under separate cover a few of my publications on mammals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 5, 1935

Burton T. Gatenson
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Gatenson:

Replying to your request of November 11,
I am sending you under separate cover a few of my
publications on mammals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 5, 1935

Ansel F. Hall
333 Hilgard Hall
Univ. Calif.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Very many thanks for your continued courtesy in sending me publications of the National Park Service. All of them are of interest, and those relating to Indians of special interest, being in the line of my present labors.

It was a great surprise to find that the Park Service is undertaking the publication of Ethnological material.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

December 5, 1935

Kenneth Frishman
1114 9th Avenue South
Fargo, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Frishman:

Replying to your undated letter recently received, I am sending you a copy of the 'Survey' for March 1935, which contains the answers to several of your questions.

The Chiefs of the Biological Survey in succession were: C. Hart Merriam, Henry W. Henshaw, E. W. Nelson, Paul G. Redington, J. N. Darling, and the present incumbent, Mr. Gabrielson.

When you tell me what the weather will be on the 13th of September 1990 I may be able to answer your question as to what changes Mr. Gabrielson will make in the Survey.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 7, 1935

Mr. Arnold J. Nicholson
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Replying to your request of December 3 I am sending you under separate cover a few of my publications on mammals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

December 11, 1935

Williams & Wilkins Company
Mt. Royal & Guilford Avenues
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sirs:

Herewith is my check of one dollar for which kindly send me a copy of The Beaver by Edward R. Warren.

Very truly yours,

December 10, 1935

Secretary, American Museum Natural History
77th Street and Central Park
New York City

Dear Sir:

Herewith is my check of nine dollars for the annual Associate membership dues of Mrs. Sterling Bunnell, San Francisco; Merriam Abbot, Washington, D.C.; and Mrs. Zenaida M. Talbot, 2590 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California.

Please notice that the address you have given for my daughter Mrs. Talbot--"47 Jerusalem Road, Hicksville, L.I. N.Y."--is as wrong as anything could be--for she has never lived on Long Island. For some years her home has been and still is 2590 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California. If you have been sending her copies of Natural History to Hicksville she of course could not possibly have received them.

Also notice that Merriam Abbot's address is changed from 6 Berkeley Place, Cambridge, Mass. to 2319 Tracy Place, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

December 12, 1935

Mr. Bradley L. Wallace
1372 Russ Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst. in regard to an Indian name for your home at Lake Tahoe:

Being unfamiliar with the exotic renderings given by your informant, I append the words as written in my vocabularies. These are written phonetically and pronounced exactly as spelled--except that I have not indicated the long and short sounds of the vowels.

My house rocks water near
Lang'-al da'-ok tim'-me dah'-wah

My house water near
Lang'-al tim'-me dah'-wah

My house rock
Lang'-al da'-ok -- My House of Rocks

Rock water near
Da'-ok tim'-me dah'-wah

My house rocks water
Lang-al da'-ok tim'-me

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

December 16, 1935

Editor, Outdoor Life
Mount Morris, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In your issue of Outdoor Life for October 1935 (p.53) you publish an excellent picture of the Mule Deer. But most unfortunately you have labeled it White-tail--the name of a widely different Deer.

The picture is absolutely diagnostic, showing in a marked degree the dominant characters of the Mule Deer in contrast to those of the White-tail or Virginia Deer.

It's too bad that such a distinctive illustration should be labeled exactly the opposite of what it is.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 16, 1935

P. P. Patraw, Superintendent
Zion and Bryce National Parks
Springdale, Utah

Dear Mr. Patraw:

Very many thanks for your kindness and promptness in sending me, in compliance with my request, two copies of Zion-Bryce Nature Notes for September 1935.

The material your assistants have gathered on Datura I am glad to add to my files on this interesting plant-drug.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 19, 1935

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Enclosed is the list of the Society's publications you so kindly sent me. Have added the addresses of persons to whom I should be glad to have copies sent.

Also I am enclosing personal cards and shall appreciate your sending them with the books.

It is indeed most kind of you to make these books available to me.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Erminie W. Voegelin
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

December 24, 1935

Dear Mrs. Voegelin:

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst:

I regret to say that I have found only one of the two names you mention.

For the Big Wolf I have Too-bigh. But the one you give for the Prairie Falcon, "Tugayal" I fail to find, although I have Lah-pah-pul for this species. Lah-pah-pul was given me for both the Prairie Falcon and the Cooper Hawk, both of which are swift flying hawks that catch birds while in flight.

The name Tugayal that you give for the Prairie Falcon suggests the name Tah-bi-el which I got twice at different dates for the small Chipmunk-like Ground Squirrel with two white stripes on its back (Genus Ammospermophilus).

The deer, as you doubtless know, is Tah-hah-el or Toch-el.

I have not yet published anything on the Tubotelobela as I am still visiting them every year.

Regreting that I am unable to identify your Tugayal, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 27, 1935

Major Allan Brooks
Hotel Grosvenor
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Major Brooks:

For many years your superb pictures of birds have been sinking deeper and deeper into my admiration, thus adding to my storehouse of cherished memories. The bird pictures you have contributed to the National Geographic Magazine have been greatly admired, and just now comes your Christmas greeting of the Grouse looking down on the White Rabbit--so I cannot longer put off a few lines of appreciation.

My memory goes back to a letter you wrote me in the long ago asking for the address of some person or institution with which you might correspond for the purpose of obtaining criticisms of your drawings of birds and mammals. (I did not know much at that) The strides you have made since then and the number and excellence of your paintings continues to excite my high admiration.

Mrs. Merriam and I remember with much pleasure your visit to us some years ago at our summer home at Lagunitas in California--and we wish it might be repeated.

With greetings and best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

December 28, 1935

Dr. Roy Waldo Miner
New York Academy of Sciences
New York City

Dear Doctor Miner:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th inst., notifying me that at the Annual Meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences on December 16, 1935, I was elected to Honorary Membership.

Please accept for the Society my appreciation of this high honor.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

December 31, 1935

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of December 1935 amounting to $36.03; also salary voucher for Miss Jean Carr amounting to $170, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Kindly send me a small supply of voucher blanks.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense Account Month of December 1935

Dec. 2	Eric Swenson, Berkeley, photo work, Nov. 1935	1	16 87
	Books: California by Aubrey Drury		3 50
	Signposts of Adventure by W.J. Schultz		3 00
4	Telephone service to Dec. 25, 1935 $5.66 1/3		1 88
6	Bird Lore for 1936		1 50
9	Allens Press Clippings for November 1935	2	3 85
10	N. Y. Zool. Society Bulletins for 1936		1 50
11	Book: The Beaver by E. R. Warren		1 00
13	Canadian Field Naturalist for 1936		2 00
	Calif. Fish and Game for 1936		1 00
24	Pot. El. service Nov.18-Dec.17 $5.55 1/3	3	1 85
27	Wash Gas Light Co to Dec. 21 7.36 1/3	4	2 45
31	Edith Jackson, cleaning office quarters, Dec.	5	5 00
	Taxis and carfares, self, asst.		5 70
	Envelopes and stamps		1 98
			53 03
	Credit:		17.05
	Refund from Calif. AAA on car insurance during six months storage (winter)	6	17 05
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January 1, 1926

J. D. Steele
Calif. State Auto Assoc.
San Rafael, California

Dear Mr. Steele:

My car is in dead storage in Berkeley for the winter. Hence I assume that the penalty mentioned on the enclosed card is not effective, and that I can attend to this matter as usual on my return to California in the spring.

If not kindly let me know at once.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 6, 1926

The Director
National Museum of Canada
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a U.S. Postal Money Order of two dollars for which kindly send me your Bulletin 72--Birds of Canada by P. A. Taverner.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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C. Hart Merriam

January 6, 1936

New York Book Mart
45 West 47th Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

If not already sold, kindly send and bill to me at the above Washington address, the following publications:

342. American Archaeology and Ethnology. Univ. of California Publications. Together five pieces including The Wintu Hesi Ceremony by S.A.Barrett at $3.50 the lot.

346. American Archaeology and Ethnology. Univ. of California Publications. Together six pieces as described in your catalog at $3.50 the lot.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 6, 1936

Standard Oil Company of N. J.
St. Paul Place & Franklin Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sirs:

Refering to your bill for $13.00 dated December 27th, and obviously forwarded from Lagunitas, Calif., which is my summer address only:

Please change this address to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C., to which place the oil is delivered.

My check for $13.00 for November account is enclosed herewith. Kindly send the statement for my December account to my Washington address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 8, 1936

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
University California
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Your Grizzly Bear skull from Big Tahunga Canyon in southern California proves of much value. It agrees essentially with a skull of Ursus tularensis from San Fernando Mission, California, collected in 1875 by Lt. G. M. Wheeler. Both are females. The Tahunga Canyon skull is a few years younger than the one from San Fernando Mission.

Allowing for the slight differences due to age, the two agree surprisingly well.

As usual in younger specimens, the Tahunga skull is slightly narrower and less elevated, the sagittal crest shorter, the palatal shelf shorter, the pterygoid notch somewhat narrower.

The teeth naturally are less worn, the upper molariform series closely similar but slightly smaller, the carnasial narrower, its midway notch less obvious because the usual space is occupied by small cusplets, the last lower molar smaller.

In Doctor Miller's absence his assistant Doctor Poole agreed to return the skull to you.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

January 9, 1936

Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me two copies of the revised edition of the index circular of topographic maps of the State of California which was issued in November.

Also please send me two copies each of the Jackson, Wyoming, and Halleck, Nevada quadrangle sheets. These are for official use.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 13, 1936

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of December 30. We are glad that you found the Dog Book of interest and especially glad that you and your family are in good health.

We have had a good deal of snow so far this winter but a few days ago a warm rain came and took it all off, and now we are having the usual cold spell.

Both of my sons-in-law are here in Washington. Talbot, Zenaida's husband, was sent here on Forest Service business about the first of November and is still here but expects to return to Berkeley in a couple of weeks. Henry Abbot, Dorothy's husband, is now Assistant Chief of the Erosion Service and is located here in Washington, so they have given up their Cambridge home and are all here permanently.

With best wishes to you all,

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1936

Dr. H. A. Miller
606 W. Shiawassee St
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Doctor Miller:

Your letter of January 2 was a real surprise. I remember your father Abiud Miller very well, and of course also our near neighbor, Carlos Miller, whom we always called Collie Miller.

I see by your letter that you left Talcottville two years before I left Lewis County--as I didn't leave permanently until 1885. At that time I quit the practice of medicine to establish a new Government Bureau--the Biological Survey, which I headed for twenty-five years.

In 1910 I accepted a position in the Smithsonian Institution under which I have been working ever since, mainly on California Indians.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1936

Dr. A. E. Douglass
University Arizona
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Doctor Douglass:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th inst. I am glad to know that the San Francisco Mountain Fauna reached you safely.

When you come to Washington I shall be most happy to see you at our home, 1919 Sixteenth Street. I expect to be here until April, when I hope to return to California to continue field work with the various Indian tribes of that state. During the past forty years or so I have accumulated extensive vocabularies of about two hundred tribes and subtribes.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1936

Mr. Fred Lockley
4227 S. E. Stark Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Lockley:

Kindly send me one copy of "John McLoughlin: Patriarch of the Northwest" for which my check of $2.50 is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 22, 1936

Dr. Frank Stanger
San Mateo Junior College
San Mateo, Calif.

Dear Doctor Stanger:

A newspaper notice calls my attention to a 'Bibliographical Guide to the Study of the Indians of San Mateo Peninsula' compiled by one of your students, Miss Minor Heath.

I am anxious to obtain a copy of this bibliography and would greatly appreciate your kindness if you will let me know where it may be had.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 22, 1936

Mr. Paul F. Elson
Univ Western Ontario
London, Canada

Dear Mr. Elson:

Your letter of December 19 asking for numbers of North American Faunas has remained unanswered a long time for the reason that it has been a big job to locate the packages containing such back numbers as I still possess of the Faunal series.

By same mail I am sending you Nos. 1, 10, 11, 12, 16, 26, and 29. In case others are excavated in the near future I shall be glad to send them also.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 25, 1936

Harper & Brothers, Publishers
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $3.50 in payment for a copy of "California. An Intimate Guide" by Aubrey Drury.

Kindly have this book sent direct to Mrs. Zenaida M. Talbot, 2590 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California.

Very truly yours,

W. Hart Merriam

January 28, 1936

Standard Book Company
235-237 West 23d Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Please send me the following list of books, as advertised in your List 168:

Treasury of Indian Tales by Clara Kern Bayliss	$ .38
White Company by A. Conan Doyle	1.35
Orpheus--A History of Religions From the French of Salomon Reinach	1.48
Animals of the World for Young People by Charles R. Knight	1.20
Roget's Thesaurus of the English Language in Dictionary Form	1.39
	5.80

Kindly have these sent with the bill addressed to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. K. L. Merriam

Read Jan. 31, 1936

January 29, 1936

Dear Doctor Stephens:

We are glad to know that you and Mrs. Stephens had a little visit with Zenaida not long ago and that both she and Lee seemed well. Her husband, M. W. Talbot, who has been here all winter so far, thinks he has about finished the work in hand and hopes to return to his family in the near future. Most of the time he has had to work nights, but we have enjoyed his few free evenings with us.

As to the set of Smithsonian Institution books mentioned in your letter: The Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian, Dr. Wetmore, has just phoned me that these volumes are not published or issued by the Smithsonian Institution but by a private firm, and that they cover a large range of subjects. My personal feeling is that they are much better fitted for the use of a public library than a private library where only a fraction of the subjects covered would be of interest.

We have been having one of the coldest and most protracted spells of winter weather we have ever suffered here--so far as my worn-out memory goes--but it is clear and milder today, so we hope something better is in store.

Dorothy and her husband, Henry Abbot, with their big boy Merriam Abbot, are now installed in the former home of General Abbot on Tracy Place--about a mile northwest of our place. The house is nicely situated, very large, unusually light, and easily heated by a good furnace, but has surprisingly little cubby room--nowhere near enough places to put things.

Henry Abbot, who is Assistant Chief of the Erosion Service, is today attending a Congressional hearing, hoping to prevent an overloading of their Bureau with a largely increased appropriation for a kind of work they do not want.

With best love to you all, in which Elizabeth joins,

Harry Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

January 30, 1936

Dr. Herbert Putnam
Librarian of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Putnam:

In my letter to you of March 31, 1933, certain important stipulations relative to the terms under which I am willing to bequeath to the Library of Congress my Journals and Manuscripts, hereinafter mentioned, were not stated. I am therefore submitting herewith a revised letter to supercede previous correspondence on the subject.

My Indian Vocabularies, about 200 in number, and the large colored Maps showing the areas inhabited by the various tribes, are in duplicate--one set to go to the Smithsonian Institution, the other to the Library of Congress.

As soon as practicable after my death, my original Journals (125 volumes, of which there are no copies) are to go to the Library of Congress for permanent preservation.

I hereby stipulate (1) that no volume or part of the same may be taken away from the Library of Congress at any time; (2) that for a period of five years after my death, my Journals, Vocabularies, and Maps be available only to my daughter, Zenaida Merriam Talbot.

It is my desire that my daughter Zenaida, now Mrs. M. W. Talbot, who assisted me during many years of field work among the Indians of California and Nevada, shall have access at all times to any and all of my materials.

Assuming that this arrangement is acceptable to the Library of Congress, I have adjusted my Will accordingly.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

CODICIL TO THE WILL OF C. HART MERRIAM

Washington, D.C.
February 1, 1936

I hereby will and bequeath to the Library of Congress my original Journals comprising about 125 volumes and covering a period of more than sixty years; also, one set of my manuscript Indian Vocabularies, about 200 in number, with accompanying large-scale colored manuscript Maps showing the distribution of all the known Indian tribes and bands of California and Nevada. [These Indian Vocabularies and accompanying colored Maps are in duplicate, one set for the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, the other for the Library of Congress.]

I hereby stipulate (1) that none of the above-mentioned Journals, Vocabularies, and colored Maps may be taken from the Library of Congress Building at any time; (2) that for a period of five years after my death my Journals, Vocabularies, and Maps be available to my daughter Zenaida Merriam Talbot and to no other person.

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1936

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of January 1936, amounting to $109.76; also January salary vouchers for my Secretary, Jean L. Carr for $180; and Anne Carr for services as Office Assistant, $36 (12 days at $3 per day); all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Kindly send me some more return account envelopes.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account Month of January 1936

Jan. 1	Washington Acad Sciences Pubs, 1936					5 00
4	Telephone Service Dec.26-Jan.25	$4.80	1/3	1		1 60
4	Anthrop. Soc. Washington Pubs 1936					6 00
6	Allens Press Clippings for December 1935			2		5 67
8	P.G.& E. Electric cur Calif to Dec.30	$6.55	1/3			2 18
9	Pacif. N W Bird & Mammal Soc. Pubs 1936					2 00
10	Fuel Oil, Nov. & Dec. 1935	$53.18	1/3	3		17 72
13	Science Monthly for 1936 $5; Science for 1936 $6					11 00
	Minimum water charge, Lagunitas, Calif 1936 $15		1/3			5 00
14	Calif. Hist Soc. Pubs 1936					10 00
17	Yosemite Nature Notes (3 sets) 1936					3 00
	Hodge Ethnological Pub. Fund					10 00
	Audubon Soc. 1936 $1; Am. Forestry Assoc 1936 $4					5 00
	Am. Museum Nat Hist Pubs 1936					3 00
18	50 stamped envelopes					1 64
20	Book: John McLoughlin, Patriarch of the NW					2 50
22	Tamalpais Conservation Club 1936					1 00
24	Pot. Electric Service to Jan 16	$6.81	1/3	4		2 27
28	Wash Gas to Jan. 21	$9.87	1/3	5		3 29
28	Book: Taverner, Birds of Canada					2 00
30	Office Supplies: notebooks, pencils, twine					1 00
31	Edith Jackson, cleaning office quarters, January			6		5 00
	Taxis and carfares, January 1936					2 50
	Roget's Thesaurus					1 39
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C. Hart Merriam

February 1, 1936

Dr. Herbert Putnam
Librarian of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Putnam:

Your letter of yesterday has been received and I am very glad to know that the revised provision in my bequest to the Library of Congress as stated in my recent will is entirely acceptable to you.

It is gratifying to me to feel assured that these valuable manuscripts are to be safely preserved in this manner.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 1, 1936

Treasurer of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) for which kindly send me for my two daughters two $1000 United States Savings Bonds at $750 each; one in the name of Zenaida Merriam Talbot, and one in the name of Dorothy Merriam Abbot.

Please mail these to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 3, 1936

George S. Godard
Distributing and Exchange Agent
State Library, Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Godard:

Enclosed is my check for $3.10 for which kindly send me the following Geological Survey Bulletins:

No. 20 Birds of Connecticut by Sage & Bishop	$ .60
No. 53 Mammals of Connecticut	2.00
No. 54 Reptiles of Connecticut	.50
	$ 3.10

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 4, 1936

Head

Dr. Walter Hough, Head Curator
Department of Anthropology
National Museum, Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Hough:

Herewith I am enclosing a letter from James Willard Schultz of Blackfeet Reservation, Browning, Montana, relative to a sacred Water medicine pipe bundle of the Blackfeet Indians, which formerly belonged to Head Carrier, who died in 1872, and which Mr. Schultz would like to sell for $350.

Thinking the Museum might be interested in this offer I am sending you a copy of his letter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 4, 1936

Dear Schultz:

Your letter of January 22 relative to the Water medicine pipe bundle of Head Carrier, who died in 1872, reaches me here in Washington. I am forwarding it to Dr. Hough, Head Curator of Anthropology of the National Museum and hope the Museum may be able to purchase it.

Head

Glad to know you are still writing more of your Indian stories. When your "The Theft of the White Buffalo Robe" is published I shall of course get hold of a copy as soon as possible.

I had another successful summer with California and Nevada Indians last year and hope to live to return another year.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Schultz,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. James Willard Schultz
Blackfeet Reservation
Browning, Montana

February 4, 1936

Colin Campbell Sanborn
Assistant Curator of Mammals
Field Museum Natural History
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

In answer to your letter of January 16 asking for copies of my mammal papers published in the Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington, would say that all of my papers are filed according to subject or title and it would be a tedious and time-killing job to check them from the volume and page numbers of the Proceedings.

If you would send me a list of titles by subject headings, I shall be glad to look them up and send you such as are still available.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 4. 1936

H. R. Mitchell
Manager, Zoological Park
New York City

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed is my check for $2.25 for which kindly send me the following publications:

Leister's Present-Day Mammals	$1.00
A Child's Book of Wild Animals	1.00
Postage	.25

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

copy

Washington, D. C.
February 6, 1936

Dear Dillie:

The expected has come--but none the less a blow and a sad one to us all.

Lyman always was a hard worker and it was his conscientious devotion to his job, when building and repairing those big pulp mills in icy waters, that undermined his naturally rugged constitution.

I'll never forget his boundless joy when he killed his first deer on Mt. Shasta in 1898--thirty-eight years ago.

Vernon Bailey has just returned from California--apparently as husky as ever.

Floddie and her darling baby were with us at Lagunitas shortly before our return.

With love from Elizabeth and

Hart

Mrs. Lyman Merriam
10 Emwilton Place
Ossining, N. Y.

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February 13, 1926

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Thanks for yours of the 3rd inst. We are delighted at the very good news that Elizabeth expects to marry in the near future. She should be much happier.

I am wondering if you have chanced to read a book entitled "California: An Intimate Guide", by Aubrey Drury. I bought it because of its title, acting on the supposition that it might prove of value. That supposition has been amply repaid by many chapters of the book. The more I read in it the more surprised I became, for it is evident that Drury in person has visited nearly all parts of the state and that he has made copious notes on the different areas. He shows a surprising familiarity with the country and a deep knowledge of many things. If I were inclined to criticise it, it would be to the effect that he glorifies a little too much and rarely mentions disadvantages. In other words, he sees all the good and beautiful and is blind to the unpleasant climatic and some other conditions. But as a guide book I have never seen its equal, certainly not in America.

Our snow is still an impediment to navigation. It has been worn down on the main avenues of travel but is still

heaped up two or three feet deep along the edges of the sidewalks and is fully a foot deep on the unshovelled open places.

We have not heard from Berkeley since Talbot's return but assume that our Cedar Street children are again a happy family.

With love to you all from Elizabeth and her old man,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

February 13, 1926

Dear Ellen:

Your letter from Burnt Ranch, written just after Christmas, reached me duly and would have been acknowledged earlier but for the pressure of other matters.

I was very glad to hear from you and to know that you are interested in birds; it is an interest that grows.

It is fine that all the members of your interesting family were together during the holidays. So your little sister is in High School and your brothers are well-grown--Jimmie a Senior in Trinity County High School!

It is good that you had a spell of work in the Forest Service Office and I hope you may try it again after the snow goes.

We have had altogether too much snow this winter for Washington. It is still at least a foot deep on the open places and piled up two or three feet high along the edges of the streets, and this morning it has begun to snow again.

For the past thirty years my principal work has been with the Indians of California. I have spent about half of each year working with them in various parts of this state and Nevada. Nearly twenty-five years ago I bought a tract of forest--including some redwoods--and built a home at Lagunitas

near the north base of Mt. Tamalpais, which as you know is on the north side of San Francisco Bay. This has been my base for about six months of each year, serving as a convenient headquarters between numerous trips to various parts of the state where Indians are to be found.

Here in Washington during the winters I am working up the results of the summers' work and hope to live long enough to publish a good part of the material. But as I am now past eighty I can't look forward to a very long period of activity.

You speak of your interest in the so-called 'Townsend Plan'. The main difficulty with this plan seems to be that there isn't enough money in the world to pay for it.

During the past years I have driven up Trinity River at least three times, and each time have stopped at your place, but unhappily you were always away. Hoping to have better luck during the coming season, and with best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

Miss Ellen Carpenter
Burnt Ranch, California

February 14, 1936

Prof. F. M. Fryxell
Museum Technician
Univ. of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Professor Fryxell:

Replying to your letter of February 4: I am much interested to know that you are gathering data on the history of the Teton Mountains, particularly as to the alleged early ascent of the Big Teton in 1872.

At that time I was Naturalist of the Hayden Survey. We were camped at the place listed in our itinerary as Camp 20 in the lower part of Teton Canyon. This was on July 28, 1872.

My Journal of that date states: "Stevenson and all but about six of our boys started to climb the Big Teton."

Two days later, July 30, 1872, the entry in my Journal is as follows: "Stevenson and the rest of the party that started for the Big Teton came back today. Stevenson and Langford alone succeeded in reaching the summit. It was a little over thirteen thousand feet high."

It seems necessary at this point to confess that the few of us who kept Journals were guarded in what we recorded--for the reason that we were away from camp a good part of the time and our Journals were subject to the scrutiny of those remaining behind.

As a matter of fact, our Idaho guide, 'Beaver Dick' [Richard Leigh], then a well-known hunter and trapper--one who differed from many of his kind in reliability and truthfulness--accompanied the Stevenson party on this climb. He told me that Stevenson and Langford did not reach the main peak.

This seems to have been clearly established also by a man who actually did climb the main peak a few years ago and published a detailed account of his route.[1]

A few years ago the late Dr. Charles B. Penrose, then head of the Philadelphia Zoo, told me that he was well acquainted with 'Beaver Dick', having employed him as guide. He said 'Beaver Dick' told him that he was with Stevenson and Langford on their alleged climb and that they never reached the main peak--the Big Teton.

Today, looking over my file of letters from 'Beaver Dick', I find the following, written at the "Junction of the Teton River, February 19, 1875":

" . . . Lavering came here today, the 20, and . . . brought me a Scribner's Magazine that Doctor Curtis [Surgeon, Hayden Survey] had sent to me and I was very much surprised to see what Mr. Langford had published. There is hardly a word of truth in it. My friend, between you

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[1] I have a copy of the newspaper containing this, but am unable to put my hand on it today. Perhaps you have seen it--if not, I will try to look it up.

and me I tell you the Teton has never been scaled yet. If I ever have the good fortune to see you I will tell you all about it and more than you could possibly believe if I were to write it. I have informed Dr. Curtis of this Teton climbing before. He also sent me a piece that Prof. Bradley wrote. It pleased me very much. . . ."

It seems perfectly obvious therefore, that Stevenson and Langford never climbed the Big Teton.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 14, 1936

Hon. Ira N. Gabrielson
Chief, U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gabrielson:

Very many thanks for your letter of February 11 kindly enclosing two tickets for Mrs. Merriam and myself to the Survey card party and dance to be held February 20.

While appreciating this compliment, I am unfortunately obliged to decline, for the reason that my age and health no longer permit me to take part in entertainments of this sort. The complimentary tickets you were kind enough to send are herein returned.

With appreciation of your attention and with best wishes to yourself and for the prosperity and usefulness of the Survey,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 15, 1936

N. W. Dorsey, Treasurer
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

This is in acknowledgment of your customary statement of receipts and disbursements on account of the Harriman Trust Fund, for the year ending December 31, 1935, received today.

I regret that it was necessary to deduct $471.83 because of the loss of Smithsonian Funds through failure of the Park Savings Bank.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Colin C. Sanborn
Field Museum Natural History
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Sanborn:

Under separate cover I am sending you copies of thirty-five of my papers from the Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington, as you requested in the list you sent me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

February 15, 1936

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Stone:

The memorandum you wrote me on January 20 has just turned up again. I thought I had answered it, but it is not marked answered so I am writing today with apologies for the delay.

I thoroughly approve your plan to omit the list of members from the April number of the Auk.

With very best wishes to you and Mrs. Stone,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 17, 1936

Dear Zenaida:

Your air mail letter came this morning, five days late--probably interrupted by storms and finally transferred to ordinary mail. At all events its arrival was a great relief as we had begun to worry about you.

Rain, followed by thawing, has removed the bulk of the snow from the streets and sidewalks, but our lawns are still covered and the snow from shoveled gutters is heaped up in dirty banks all along the outer edge of the sidewalks.

It was good to know that you all are well. We hadn't heard from you for so long that both Ma and I were considerably worried.

Enclosed herewith is the $1000 U. S. Bond I wrote you about some time ago. Put it in your safe deposit box.

During the recent thaw both the Abbot Tracy Place house and our 16th Street house have again developed serious leaks. In our house the south wall was not wet but the old leak in the library bay window developed with a good deal of vigor. The roof repair men are engaged but cannot come until the weather undergoes a reform.

You are lucky to live where you have bare ground and flowers instead of snow during the winter--what a blessing.

Since I wrote you last I have a new assistant, Jean Carr's sister, Anne. She is not a stenographer but is an excellent typist and is putting our Shoshonean vocabularies on the big 12-column schedules. This accomplishment, though not yet completed, has already resulted in a whole lot of highly valuable information.

Please spank Lee for his Grandpa, not too severely, just to let him know that his Grandpa hasn't forgotten him.

Best love as always to Z. and her man Talbot,

Dad

Mrs. Zenaida M. Talbot
2590 Cedar Street
Berkeley, California

February 19, 1936

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Enclosed are some photographs taken about a week ago by the side of our house here in Washington. They seem to emphasize the difference in climate between Lagunitas and Washington.

I don't know anything about how much rain you have had at Lagunitas this winter but hope it has not been violent enough to wash our road badly. If parts of it are badly washed I should be greatly obliged if you will attend to the cross drains and fix up the road.

With best wishes to you all,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1936

Mr. W. L. Artz
4529 Kansas Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Artz:

A few days ago when you were here very early in the morning you escaped without remuneration.

Therefore, I am enclosing the same herewith with many thanks to you for taking such good care of my burner.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 26, 1936

Houghton Mifflin Company
2 Park Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $2.00 for which kindly send me a copy of 'North After Seals' by Thames Williamson, illustrated by Paul Quinn.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 29, 1936

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Stone:

Can you give me the present address of Mrs. Charles B. Penrose whose husband, formerly head of the Philadelphia Zoological Society, died several years ago?

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account Month February 1936

Feb.	1	Standard Book Co., N.Y. four books		1	4 75
	3	Science News subscription for two years			7 00
		Typewriter ribbon $1; paper cement & container 1.90			2 90
		Conn Geo.Survey Books: Mammals, Birds,Repts of Conn			3 10
		N.Y.Zool Soc: Book Wild Animals & Present Day Mammals			2 25
	7	Western Society Naturalists pubs. 1936			1 00
		Fuel Oil for January 1936 $57.37	1/3	2	19 12
	10	Columbia Photo Supply Co. Developing			2 25
		Notebooks .20; 5 rolls kodak film @.30 $1.50			1 70
	11	Allens Press Clippings for January 1936		3	3 82
	12	American Folklore Society, Memoir		4	6 50
	15	N.Y. Book Mart, Ethnological pamphlets		5	7 00
		Book: Dana-Sutter of California		6	3 50
		Stamped envelopes 50 #13, 10 #7 1.98; typewr ribbon $1	7		2 98
	21	Univ.Calif.Press: Klimek-Calif. Indian Culture			1 04
		Dominican Mission Frontiers of Calif.			2 58
		Telephone service to Feb. 25,1936 $4.80	1/3	8	1 60
		Columbia Photo Supply Co. photo work		9	3 30
	24	S. Kanns Sons Co. 2 metal cabinets for office			5 76
	25	Pot.El. Power to Feb.14,1936 $6.44	1/3	10	2 15
	26	Gas for February 1936 10.07	1/3	11	3 35
		Book: Williamson-North After Seals			2 00
	29	Edith Jackson, cleaning office quarters Feb. 1936		12	5 00
		Taxis and carfares, February 1936			2 60
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C. Hart Merriam

February 29, 1936

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of February 1936, amounting to $97.25; also salary vouchers for February of $180.00 to my Secretary Jean L. Carr, and $90.00 to Anne Carr, office assistant; all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1936

Stanford Bookstore
Stanford University, Calif.

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Dear Sirs:

Kindly send and bill to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C., six copies of your Geomorphic Map of California and Nevada with portions of Oregon and Idaho, originally issued by the California State Earthquake Investigation Commission of 1906, scale thirty miles to the inch, drawn by M. Solem.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1936

Mr. Chauncey McL. Gilbert
Miller School of Biology
University, Virginia

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst. received with a package of small vials containing crustacea from Mountain Lake, Virginia, would say that this line of goods is wholly out of my field.

I am sending them therefore to Miss Mary J. Rathbun, for many years Curator of Crustacea at the National Museum.

She will doubtless write to you in regard to them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1936

Miss Mary J. Rathbun
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Rathbun:

Herewith I am forwarding to you a vial of small Crustaceans with accompanying letter from Chauncey McL. Gilbert of the Miller School of Biology, University, Va. concerning which I phoned you a few minutes ago.

Sorry to trouble you with "just another of these pesky interruptions".

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1936

Mr. F. M. McFarland
California Academy Sciences
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. McFarland:

Replying to your recent letter telling that the California Academy of Sciences proposes to dedicate to the memory of Doctor Grunsky one of the new habitat groups in the African Hall of the Academy's Museum, would say that it seems a pity his name should not have been honored in some way more closely related to his life work.

At the same time I realize that he was deeply interested in the splendid habitat groups in the Simpson Hall of the Academy Museum as shown by the fact that he actually painted one of the backgrounds.

I enclose a check for ten dollars as a humble contribution.

Mrs. Merriam and I enjoyed association with Doctor Grunsky and his family during the years they were here in Washington. We were impressed by his devotion to whatever he had in hand and feel that this quality must have been of distinctive benefit to the Academy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1936

A. Brazier Howell
Department Anatomy
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Howell:

Very many thanks for the batch of important anatomical papers you have just sent me. The one on conservation of water by Dipodomys puts on record a most valuable lot of definite results. The one on sexual differences in leg muscles of the common toad--so strikingly illustrated by your excellent figures--appeals to me strongly; and your treatment of the primitive carpus and shoulder architecture is another contribution to technical osteology.

It is gratifying to know that your present position affords opportunity for this excellent work.

With best wishes to Mrs. Howell and yourself,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 10, 1936

Prof. A. E. Kennelly
Pierce Hall, Harvard Univ.
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Kennelly:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst. recommending a change in the time-honored objectionable calendar, you are hereby authorized to add my name to the list of those who have already approved the twelve-month equal-quarters plan.

Very truly yours,

March 10, 1936

Dr. Marcus Ward Lyon, Jr.
214 Laporte Avenue
South Bend, Indiana

Dear Doctor Lyon:

The nicely bound copy of your 'Mammals of Indiana' which you were good enough to send me is a joy as well as a surprise. I congratulate you on being the parent of so interesting and useful a volume. It will be a great, and as time goes on, a greater help, for happily more and more of our young men and women are becoming interested in our native animals.

Many lists of animals--both state and local--give references to sources, so that the seeker after truth, provided he has time and access to zoological libraries, may be able to find out what the references mean, but for most people this is impracticable. You have done a good service therefore in giving the actual substance of the various records.

As to the illustrations: most of them are remarkably good--as those of teeth, paws, and some of the skulls, particularly the larger ones. The synonomy, descriptions, ranges, and habits, and also the various alphabetic maps complete the picture.

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You were wise in including the fossal mammals, for these, particularly the larger ones, excite the imagination. I wonder how many of your teachers ever heard of the existence in your state of wild horses, paccaries, the fossal buffalo, bison and musk oxen--and worse still, of such extraordinary beasts as the tapir, the ground sloth, and both the elephant and the mastodon.

That such beasts once roamed over what is now the gentle slopes of the Mississippi Valley can hardly fail to amaze and excite the imaginations of most of the teachers as well as the children of your state.

I certainly congratulate you on giving the citizens and upcoming generation of your state such a fine source of information.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

"Your kindness I never shall forget."

March 16, 1936

Editor, American Forests
1523 L Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The November 1935 number of American Forests contains an article on the southern White-tail Deer by Archibald Rutledge. It is illustrated by an excellent photograph of a fine buck with horns in velvet of the Western Mule Deer.

Inasmuch as the subject of the article is the White-tail Deer isn't it a little shocking to find it illustrated by a picture of the Mule Deer?

I am interested to know whether this picture was supplied by the author himself or by the editor. In either case it would seem to give somebody a rather black eye.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1936

Mr. Greville Haslam
The Episcopal Academy
Overbrook, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Haslam:

Thanks for the copy of the menu of the Annual Banquet of the Wilderness Club which you so kindly sent me. Sorry my age (over eighty) prevents going to meetings.

The original etching by Dick Bishop on the cover shows a phenomenally interesting grouping of the ducks and is a wonderful piece of work--well worth keeping. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1936

Mr. Arno B. Cammerer, Director
National Park Service
U. S. Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cammerer:

Thanks for the National Park Bulletins recently received.

In looking over the one on Mount McKinley National Park I am astounded to find no mention whatever--either in the enumeration of events of historical importance or in the references to published books--of the principal and from various points of view the most detailed and reliable work on the subject, namely, 'The Wilderness of Denali' by Charles Sheldon, who spent nearly three years in energetic field work there. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons in March 1930.

This book of 412 pages, with accompanying map, and a vast number of illustrations from photographs is incomparably the greatest work ever published on this great mountain and its Toklat approach.

It seems beyond human belief that a Government publication on Mt. McKinley should omit reference to the principal work on the region, especially in view of the

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character and standing of the author. Sheldon wintered there and spent the larger part of three summers in studying its peaks, ridges, and glaciers, besides giving special attention to the sheep and other native animals.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1936

Ironclad Roofing Company
Ninth & Evarts Streets
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $32.00 in payment of the accompanying bill for roof work on my house at 1919 16th Street.

As I phoned you a day or two ago, the new down-spout has not been painted. You said this would be done in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1936

Librarian
U.S. Department Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In cleaning out a locked drawer in my desk which has not been used in many years I am amazed and chagrinned to find a book belonging to the Department library entitled a 'Textbook of Zoology. Part I--Mammals' by Dr. Otto Schmeil, which from the memoranda in my handwriting on the inside of the cover I must have borrowed Sept. 19, 1900!

I am returning it herewith with due apologies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1936

Dear Barbara Hastings McKee:

Pardon my tardiness in replying to your kind letter of January in which you announce the arrival of your new son. It is easy to believe that you "have your hands full".

Notwithstanding this, you ask if I can manage the trip to Lee's Ferry this year. There seems to be some misunderstanding here as I have not had any intention of visiting the north side of the Canyon in search of Piutes, having already worked with both the tribes on that side, namely, the Kivavits and the Sivits.

What I am most anxious to do is to find a native-born Piute on the south side of the Canyon--one whose people have always lived on the south side. If I am not mistaken you and your husband told me that you thought some could be found near Moencopie. Vernon Bailey and I visited Moencopie many years ago but at that time I wasn't collecting vocabularies and didn't know that there were any Piute in the neighborhood.

I have never worked with a Piute native to the south side of the Canyon and am anxious to find such a person in order to round out my vocabularies of this group. But since I am well past my eightieth birthday I am not in physical condition to go on still hunts. Nevertheless, if you should learn of the existence of any Piute Indian or Indians native

to the south side and find it practicable to reach him or them by auto I should be very glad to take the trip. And as a matter of course, I shall pay all expenses of the trip--everything included.

Florence has not been very well this winter. Like her brother she begins to feel that she is getting old; but her old man, Vernon Bailey, still keeps husky and active. He's a wonder.

With best regards to your husband and yourself and all your little children,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 20, 1936

Nada Kramar
66 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $2.50 for which kindly send me a copy of Jepson's 'Botany of Midwest California' as advertised in your recent catalogue.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 17, 1935

Mr. Samuel Leask
Santa Cruz Public Library
Santa Cruz, Calif.

Dear Mr. Leask:

Replying to your letter of inquiry concerning the origin of the name 'Sequoia', I can do little more than refer you to well-known publications, with most of which you are doubtless familiar.

Summing up: It seems safe to say that nothing whatever is known positively concerning its origin. Most authorities accept Endlicher's name as derived from the name of the Cherokee Indian chief, which seems reasonable since Endlicher was also a linguist, but I have no knowledge of its appearance earlier than 1847.

The late J. G. Lemmon in the 3d Biennial Report of the Botanist of the Calif. State Board of Forestry for 1889-1890, states, (p.161), "In an early number of Meehan's 'Gardener's Monthly', a learned and careful writer--J.H.Lippincott--who, Meehan says, was acquainted with De Candolle, and perhaps with associates of Endlicher, stated that Sequoia was derived from 'Sequoyah', the Indian name of George Guess, a half-breed Cherokee."

James Mooney, in his Myths of the Cherokee (19th Annual Report Bureau Am. Ethnology, 1900) has much to say of Sequoya's life and work and mentions that "the great trees of California (Sequoia gigantea) also preserve his memory" (p.148).

Very truly yours,

S. H. T. Marshall

March 18, 1936

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Doctor Stone:

Replying again to part of your letter of the 3rd inst. I find that the Boone and Crockett Club has a class of Associate Members, to which class you seem preeminently eligible. They are elected by the Executive Committee and are exempt from dues and initiation fees but are not entitled to vote.

If agreeable to you I shall be glad to propose your name for this membership.

In view of the enormous amount of work you have done for the A. O. U. in editing the AUK for twenty-five years I feel that it is your duty to yourself to pull out and let someone else carry on the work--though I can't think of anyone qualified to fill your shoes.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 23, 1936

Treasurer of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for three thousand dollars ($3,000) for which kindly send me four $1,000 United States Savings Bonds at $750 each; three in the name of C. Hart Merriam, 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C., and one in the name of my wife, V. Elizabeth Merriam, 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Please mail these four Bonds to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 24, 1936

National Assoc. Audubon Societies
1775 Broadway, New York City

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send a copy of your publication on the Birds of Alaska by Pearson, to Miss Georgia Conley Sitka, Alaska.

Miss Conley is a schoolteacher at Sitka and has written asking for material on the land and sea birds of the Sitka region for use in her school work.

If there is any charge for the book or for postage please send the bill to me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 25, 1936

Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, Secretary
Boone and Crockett Club
One Broadway, New York City

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

Dr. Witmer Stone of Philadelphia, Director Emeritus of the Museum of the Academy of Natural Sciences and one of the leading ornithologists of America, has done much work with mammals and has published 'The Mammals of New Jersey' and other valuable material on the subject, including joint authorship of the volume on 'American Animals'. He is a member of the Philadelphia and New York Zoological Societies, member International Committee on Zoological Nomenclature, and has been president of the American Society of Mammalogists (1929-31).

I am writing to ask whether or not he would be eligible for election to the class of Associate Members of the Boone and Crockett Club.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 25, 1936

Dr. Carden F. Warner
1103 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Warner:

Herewith I am enclosing my check for ten dollars--a very moderate charge--in payment for your services in examining my eyes and prescribing glasses.

Thanking you for your courtesy,

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Thurston

March 30, 1936

Dear Barbara Hastings McKee:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 25th inst. giving the much needed information as to the location of Piutes south of the Grand Canyon.

Willow Springs north of Tuba City, because of its accessibility, strikes me as the place most worth a trial. Then, if failing there, the more distant Kayenta region might be tried.

Since my chief object is to obtain vocabulary material, a young man who speaks his language might be better than an old one for the reason that he understands English much better and is therefore less apt to mistake the wanted words.

To get a good vocabulary from a previously unworked Indian usually take three days, the required time depending largely on the intelligence of the Indian. Sometimes it is possible to get a thousand words the first day, while with other informants five hundred represents a good day's work.

I am assuming that there is a hotel or an auto camp at Tuba so that a camping outfit would be unnecessary.

In view of your family cares I am wondering if you really should undertake a trip of this kind. In any event I greatly appreciate your kind offer.

With deep thanks and best wishes to you and Mr. McKee,

Very truly yours,

Dr. C. W. Thornthwaite
Soil Conservation Service
Washington, D. C.

March 30, 1936

Dear Doctor Thornthwaite:

Replying to your letter of the 26th inst. would say that while I have been in the field in various parts of the West for a large part of my life--and I'm now past 80--I have obtained surprisingly little information on the subject of your inquiry, namely, the location of virgin localities.

I recall that when camping with John Muir in Tuolumne Meadows thirty-six years ago I remarked that the region seemed free from scars of previous use by civilized man. In reply Muir told me to get down on my knees and look closely at the ground. On doing this I was surprised to find the surface plentifully sprinkled with pellets of sheep dung in various stages of disintegration.

Subsequent field work has so often confirmed observations to the same effect that I am loath to name localities free from evidences of prior use.

Regretting my inability to supply the information you seek,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. George Gilbert Goodwin
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your 'Mammals of Connecticut'. I am very glad to have it.

You have done a well worth-while piece of work in getting all this material together and I congratulate you on it.

Nearly sixty years ago when at work on the 'Birds of Connecticut' I was unable to do any trapping and was not then acutely interested in mammals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 31, 1936

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of March 1936, amounting to $51.19; also salary vouchers for March of $180.00 to my Secretary, Jean L. Carr, and $100.00 to Anne Carr, office assistant; all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for March 1936

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Mar. 4	Telephone service to March 25 $ 4.80 1/3		1	1 60
5	Fuel Oil for February 1936 $46.19 1/3			15 39
9	Allens Press Clippings for February		2	4 73
10	Two rolls kodak film #120			60
16	Stanford Bookstore, 6 maps Calif. & Nev.		3	2 40
	Book: Jepson, Flora of Western California			2 50
	Express charges and postage			80
23	Columbia Photo Supply Co. photo developing			2 50
24	Pot. Electric Co. service to Mar.17 $5.36 1/3		4	1 78
26	Gas to March 20, 1936 $7.76 1/3		5	2 59
31	Herbert Strothers, washing windows etc. office		6	3 70
	Edith Jackson, cleaning office quarters, March		7	5 00
	Taxis and carfares for March 1936			3 00
	Letter copying record book		8	4 60
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C. Hart Merriam
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March 31, 1936

Mr. Thomas B. Brown
Western Pacific Railroad Co.
220 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Replying to your letter of the 10th inst. respecting the source of the name 'Yuba', would say that it has nothing to do with grapes, but is the definite and unquestionable name of a rancheria and band--often called tribe--of Midoo Indians on the south side of Yuba River just above its junction with Feather River.

As long ago as 1846 Sutter mentioned the Yubu tribe, and in 1847 E. A. Gatten gave the Yuba tribe in his census of the Indian population for Sutter. In the same year, 1847, Heinrich Lienhard again published the name in his journal, Californien. Again, in 1850, it was used by Adam Johnson for the same Indian tribe or band at the junction of Feather and Yuba Rivers, then numbering about 180 persons (Senate Ex. Doc. 1, 31st Congress, 2d Sess. p.124,1850).

The fallacy of the assertion that Uba or Yuba was an Indian name for grape is clearly proved by the fact that it does not so occur in any Indian language. On the other hand, the name of the wild grape in several of the Sacramento Valley Midoo tribes is as follows: Wild grape was called Moó-teh by the Nissenan and Nis-sim Pāwenan; the grapevine, Toom-bok

and Tol-los by the same tribe. Other names used by other Midoo Tribes are, Peem-bah by the Notomusse; Pe-mil-lin-du by the Tahnkum and Kummowin; and Pe-we by the Mitchopdo. All of these names have been obtained by me personally.

I can give you many more names for grape and grapevine as used by other tribes of other California linguistic stocks--all showing the same thing--that each of the many California tribes of the milder parts of the state had its own name for grape and grapevine--and that not one of these used the word Uba (or Yuba) for either the vine or the fruit.

I had intended to write about several of the names in the neat little pamphlet you sent me entitled 'Colorful California Names', but find the job too big for an exceedingly busy and very old man. One statement however is too raw to be permitted to stand. Sotoyome in Sonoma County you give as the name of a former Chumashan Indian village! The Chumash Indians front along the Santa Barbara coast and have no relatives in northern California.

Also, incidentally, why guess at the meanings of unknown names, such as 'The Valley of Flowers', 'The Cradle of Suisun', 'The Girl from the Mountains' and so on?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 2, 1936

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Stone:

A letter from Kermit Roosevelt's secretary tells me that Kermit is absent but that even if he has not returned by the time of the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the B. and C. Club your name will be "properly presented" for Associate Membership.

Hastily yours,

April 4, 1936

Mr. Fred Lockley
4227 S. E. Stark Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Lockley:

Will you be kind enough to tell me the date (year) of publication of your interesting pamphlet 'Across the Plains - by Prairie Schooner, Recollections of Benjamin Franklin Bonney'? June, 1923

This narrative has been of much interest to me and the date of publication is important for reference.

Very truly yours,

April 7, 1936

California State Auto Assoc.
Inter-Insurance Bureau
Renewal Department
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of the 2nd inst. with enclosed refund check of eighty-eight cents.

Kindly renew as usual all insurance on my car as of last year, including Fire and Theft which was canceled during the last six month while the car was in storage.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Expect to reach calif. early in May.)

April 7, 1936

Mrs. Marion Boyd Allen
30 Ipswich Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Allen:

Your letter of April 1, written at the suggestion of Miss Marion Dall, is at hand. Your group of Indian portraits certainly must be of high interest.

However, my own work is confined to the Indians of California and Nevada, so material on the Southwest is out of my line.

I do not at present think of any Ethnological Department which has funds that might be used for the purchase of such valuable paintings, but if such comes to my attention I shall be glad to refer them to you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 7, 1936

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
Calif. State Historical Society
609 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

The March number of the Historical Society's Quarterly like its predecessors contains much of interest--even to a naturalist and ethnologist.

But in the notice of Aubrey Drury's talk on California place names I notice an unfortunate error. Speaking of the origins of place names he is quoted as saying, "Others, such as Tamalpais, lend themselves to several possible and plausible interpretations". (p.89)

The source and meaning of the name 'Tamalpais' is not open to question, as you will readily see on refering to my paper on the 'Distribution and Classification of the Mewan Stock of California' published in the American Anthropologist thirty years ago (June 1907). On page 355 of this publication is the following:

"Mount Tamalpais and the series of beautiful valleys about its base, from San Rafael on the east to Olema on the west, and the long, fiord-like Tomales bay all belonged to the Hookooeko; and some of the most familiar geographic names in California were taken from the vocabulary of the same tribe."

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Footnote: "Among such names are Tamalpais, from Tam'-mal the bay country, and pi'-es a mountain. Tam'-mal-pi'-es or Tam'-mal pi's is their own name for the mountain; Tamales bay from Tam'-mal the bay country (Tam'-mal-hoo'-yah, Tamales Point; Tam-mal'-ko, the people on Tamales bay in distinction to those of the interior)."

It is just too bad that Drury, who has published such an exceedingly interesting and useful book on California, should not have known about this.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1936

Petroleum Heat and Power Co.
1719 Connecticut Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of yesterday would say that the Petro-Nokol Oil Burner which you installed in my furnace yesterday appears to be doing all right--although some of the outside attachments are not as neat as expected.

My check for two hundred dollars ($200) on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city covering the first two instalments in payment for the burner is enclosed herewith, leaving one hundred dollars to be paid later.

C. Hart Merriam

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April 10, 1936

Treasurer of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On March 23, 1926, I sent you my check for $3,000 for four $1,000 U. S. Savings Bonds, three to be written in the name of C. Hart Merriam, 1919 16th Street, and one in the name of V. Elizabeth Merriam, same address.

To date these bonds have not been received. Kindly advise if the matter is being taken care of.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1936

Miss Alida C. Bowler
Carson Indian School
Stewart, Nevada

Dear Miss Bowler:

Your letter of March 2 with enclosed papers and information about the Indian Botanical Institute I have read with much interest.

This project together with the work your committee has already accomplished are indeed worth while and will be of great value provided the identification of the plants can be done by one of the very few botanists who know the desert flora. Misidentification of desert plants is one of the curses of botanical work in the Great Basin--and some other places also.

I sincerely hope that the needed funds can be obtained for its continuance. If opportunity arises in which I can help, I shall be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

April 11, 1936

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Doctor Stone:

The April number of The Auk just received is another monument to your overwhelming industry and as usual contains a mass of information of interest to some of us old-timers.

My provocation for writing just now occurs on page 237 in your review of Brooks and Wetmore. The middle paragraph of this ends with the words "And there are so more to see!" Shouldn't the so be no?

Hastily yours,

April 13, 1936

Dr. Harry C. Oberholser
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Oberholser:

The March 1936 number of 'Contributions to Grand Canyon Ornithology' (Natural History Bulletin No. 4, p. 17) received this morning tells of a little owl from the Grand Canyon which "is considered by Dr. Oberholser to represent an undescribed race whose range is northern Arizona and Utah."

This reminds me that on September 13, 1889 while climbing out of the Grand Canyon I shot one of these little owls. It was then identified as Megascops flammeolus (North American Fauna No. 3, p. 91, 1890). The specimen doubtless is in the Biological Survey collection and you may care to examine it in this connection.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 14,1936

Sacramento Junior College
Department of Anthropology
Sacramento, California

Dear Sirs:

I have just seen a newspaper notice of a recent publication by Jeremiah Beverley Lillard and Wm.K.Purves, on the archaeology of the Deer-Creek-Consummes area of Sacramento county. Being much interested in the former Indian inhabitants of this region, I shall be greatly obliged if you will send me, with bill for same, two copies of the bulletin referred to. I will gladly remit on receipt of bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 14, 1936

Dr Gilbert Grosvenor
President National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

In compliance with your request just recieved by messenger I expect to join other members of the Board of Trustees of the National Geographic Society on the platform during your introductory remarks and Lincoln Ellsworth's reply a little before 4:45 P. M. tomorrow, April 15; and also, as you request, for the evening lecture, which begins at 8:30

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 15, 1936

Mr. Edwin D. McKee
Grand Canyon, Arizona

Dear Mr. McKee:

It is now getting so late that it is necessary to plan my regular season's trip to California--on which we usually start early in April. Mrs. McKee has been good enough to write me about the existence of Piutes at Willow Spring a few miles north of Tuba, and also of another bunch south of Rainbow Lodge and north of Red Lake. Both seem like good leads but I incline to favor the Willow Spring bunch because it is so much easier to go there.

Mrs. McKee has most kindly said "We will be more than glad to take you in our Buick". This gave me a thrill of gratitude, but at the same time I fear that Mrs. McKee is not strong enough to take such a long trip. But if both or either of you could go it would be a grand thing for me.

I am wondering just when it would be practicable to make this trip; also whether or not there is any hotel or auto camp where it might be possible to stop without camping. If you or your good wife could enlighten me on this point I shall be very thankful.

With best wishes to you both in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

April 15, 1936

Mr. Edwin D. McKee
Grand Canyon, Arizona

Dear Mr. McKee:

Your Natural History Bulletins always contain matters of interest to me. The March number (Bulletin No.4) just received, is of special interest, for on page 17 you mention the capture of a little Screech Owl of which it is stated, "the first specimen of the variety to be collected in the Grand Canyon area was one found on the south rim on May 4, 1931."

This is hardly correct inasmuch as I killed one, then identified as Megascops flammeolus, on the south side of the canyon Sept. 13, 1889, recorded 46 years ago in North American Fauna No.3, p.91, 1890.

This specimen doubtless is in the Biological Survey collection in the National Museum. I killed it at three o'-clock in the morning of Sept. 13 while climbing out of the Grand Canyon by moonlight and nearly broke my neck in crawling down to find it. It's stomach contained a scorpion and some beetles.

With best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

April 24, 1936

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Enclosed herewith is the legend for the enlarged colored photograph of the actors in the Hesse ceremony of the Wintoon Indians of California, which I returned to you a few days ago.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

ACTORS IN A CALIFORNIA INDIAN CEREMONY

Procession of the five impersonators in the sacred spring ceremony (called Hesse) of the Southern Wintoon Indians as they approach the underground roundhouse where the rites are performed.

The spectacular costumes consist of elaborate headdresses of feathers and California poppies, broad belts of inlaid feathers and beads, skirts of frayed inner bark of willow, and beautiful scarlet bands of yellowhammer tail-feathers that float freely from the back of the head.

Two of the actors, those with the white 'Bighead' headdress, are holding the sacred music sticks of split elder. Two others, those wearing the red crown with fan-shape upright headpiece, are carrying ceremonial flags; the one at the rear, a foxskin quiver of arrows.

Photograph by Dr. C. Hart Merriam at Grindstone Creek Rancheria, Glenn County, California, in the early evening of May 16, 1923.

April 29, 1936

Dear Doctor Stone:

Thanks for your very kind invitation to join in an informal dinner at the Franklin Club on May 12, but I expect to be in California before that time.

With kind regards to Mrs. Stone and yourself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Witmer Stone
452 Church Lane, Germantown
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 29, 1936

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Refering to your annual request for an article suitable for use in the General Appendix of the Smithsonian Report, I regret that I am unable to suggest an appropriate one.

The only one I think of is Douglas's tree ring "Dating of Pueblo Ruins of the Southwest" concerning which I wrote you a while ago.

With regrets and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 30, 1936

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of April 1936, amounting to $26.60; also salary vouchers for April for $190.00 to my secretary, Jean L. Carr, and $100.00 to Anne Carr, office assistant; all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

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1919 16th Street N W, Washington, D.C.

Expense Account month April 1936

April	3	50 stamped envelopes #13				1 62
	3	Telephone service to April 25	$4.80	1/3	1	1 60
	4	Fuel Oil for March 1936	$14.00	1/3	2	4 66
	6	Allens Press Clippings for March			3	3 05
	16	Two typewriter ribbons			4	2 00
	20	Paper cement .45; gummed tape .25				70
	24	Potomac Electric service, Apr. 1936	$4.54	1/3	5	1 51
	27	Washington Gas Co. service Apr. 1936	7.63	1/3	6	2 54
	27	Save the Redwood League, Berkeley, pubs. 1936				2 00
	30	Edith Jackson, cleaning office quarters April 1936			7	5 00
		Taxis and carfares month April 1936				2 80
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Refund from Calif Auto Assoc insurance 88

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May 1, 1936

Petroleum Heat and Power Co.
1719 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for one hundred dollars ($100.00) in full payment of the balance due you on the Petro-Nokol Oil Burner which you installed at my home, April 9, 1936.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

NIGHT LETTER SENT MAY 5, 1936 TO--

Mrs. Barbara Hastings McKee
Grand Canyon, Arizona

Leak in house from recent severe storm will delay our departure at least a week. Think it will be better to postpone trip until fall. Thanks for all your trouble. Letter follows.

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C. Hart Merriam

May 1, 1936

Dear Vernon:

For some time past I have been forgetting to speak to you about the Big Lynx I shot on San Francisco Mountain many years ago--part of which you broiled and ate, along with the rest of us!

Now, this cat doesn't seem to fit in with type of Lynx baileyi, having in spite of its short tail a length of 780mm (30.75 inches); tail 130mm (5.1 inches). The hind foot measured 170mm (6.7 inches). The type of L. baileyi measured 745mm, 132mm, 165mm.

In comparing these measurements with others, this particular cat seems to have been a giant, which sets me wondering whether or not it is a species, or at least a subspecies, different from baileyi. It might be worth while to compare the skulls.

If you chance to have time to do this and also compare the skin with the type of baileyi I should be glad to know the results.

As ever,

May 6, 1936

Arno B. Cammerer, Director
National Park Service
Interior Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cammerer:

The National Park Bulletins which you are good enough to continue to send me are always of interest.

The one on the Grand Teton, arriving this morning, is of special interest for the reason that in 1872, when Naturalist of the Hayden Survey, I passed the Tetons on the east in early summer and returned southward on the west side in late September.

I accompanied Stevenson and Langford part of the way on their alleged climb of the mountain but was forced to return in order to prepare specimens of a mother moose and calf killed nearby the previous day.

'Beaver Dick' or Richard Leigh (whose name is often quoted as two different persons) guided the Stevenson party on the climb. He then told me that they never attempted to climb any of the higher peaks, and some years later (1875) he wrote me:

". . . Lavering came here today [February 20, 1875] . . and brought me a Scribner's Magazine that Doctor Curtis [Surgeon, Hayden Survey] had sent to me and I was very much surprised to see what Mr. Langford had published. There is hardly a word of

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Therefore, I am glad to see that you discredit the Langford report in your bulletin.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Possibly you may be interested to know that in Hayden's Report, 'U.S. Geological Survey of the Territories' for 1872 (issued in 1873) I published a report on the Mammals and Birds of the Expedition, covering the trip from Salt Lake to the Tetons and thence to the Yellowstone Geysers, which if interested you may find on pages 661-715 of the report in question.

With best wishes,

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Possibly you may be interested to know that in Hayden's Report, 'U.S. Geological Survey of the Territories' for 1872 (issued in 1873) I published a report on the Mammals and Birds of the Expedition, covering the trip from Salt Lake to the Tetons and thence to the Yellowstone Geysers, which if interested you may find on pages 661-715 of the report in question.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

May 6, 1936

Dear Barbara Hastings McKee:

Appreciative thanks for all the trouble you have taken in my behalf toward an opportunity to work with Piute Indians on the south side of the Grand Canyon.

We have had a succession of delays, the last of which is several bad leaks in the house due to recent heavy rains. Roof repair men say that the old cement-mortar between the bricks on various sides of the house has rotted out to such a degree that it is necessary to "re-point" the walls. This will take several days at least--so we are confronted by the sad fact that in all probability it will be impossible to start West in less than a week or ten days.

In view of this unfortunate fact and also because of the rapidly approaching period of hot weather it seems necessary to put off the trip until my return in the fall.

Meanwhile you may learn of one or two additional Piute people so that in case one fails to furnish satisfactory vocabulary material another one may be tried. In fact this often happens in my work in California and Nevada.

The curious and to me inexplicable fact is that any Shoshonean Indians as far east as Arizona should apply the term 'Piute' to themselves--the Piute proper being restricted to northwestern Nevada and extreme eastern California. There are,

however, in southern Nevada and northwestern Arizona several tribes collectively classed as Southern Piute, including the Sivvits and Kivavvits of northwestern Arizona north of the Grand Canyon. Small parties of these have long been known to cross the Canyon--the Kivavvits east of the mouth of the Little Colorado.

Farnham in 1884 (quoting Dr. Lyman) mentions Paiuches of southern Utah, and Piutes of Severe River, Utah, and the north bank of Colorado River.

A hundred and sixty years ago (in 1775-6) the Padre Escalante applied the names Payuches and Utahs Payuches (spelt also Yutas Payuchis and Iutas Paiyuchis) to Indians in southern Utah and northern Arizona, and about the same time (1776) Garces mentions Payuches in southern Utah--as also does La Fora (on his map.

The main difficulty lies in the name Piute. Why should the Kivavvits or Sivvits call themselves 'Piute'? Apparently the tribe in question must be Kivavvits.

These early records have disturbed me greatly. It would seem that in early days it was customary for the Southern Piute tribes to call themselves Piute--although in talking to me none of them have used this name.

The difficulty is not the fact of the use of the name for Shoshonean bands on both sides of the Colorado River, but the origin and source of its use by Indians who have other (and distinctive) names for themselves.

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I have myself obtained rather full vocabularies from both the Sivvits and the Kivavvits on the north side of Colorado River, but neither of them gave me the name 'Piuta' for themselves. They told me, however, that at times of low water they sometimes crossed the river to the south side by fords well-known to themselves, but said nothing whatever about permanent residence on the south side.

Again thanking you for your great kindness in this matter, and with best wishes to your husband and yourself.

Possibly you do not know that I have suffered from diabetes for some years and therefore am greatly restricted in my activities.

On reading over this letter I fear I have given the impression that the main object in visiting the desert of the Little Colorado in centered in the name 'Piute'. This is not the case, my main interest being in the language of the tribes for I hope to obtain a vocabulary from the south side in order to compare it with those of the Sivvits and Kivavvits on or of the north side.

May 6, 1936

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Very many thanks for the bound volumes of the National Geographic Magazine for 1935 which you so kindly sent me this afternoon.

They are a treasure of beautiful pictures and useful information and I appreciate your courtesy in sending them.

With best wishes,

May 11, 1936

Allens Press Clipping Bureau
255 Commercial Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

Please change my address for Allen's Press Clippings from 1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C. to Legunitas, California.

Very truly yours,

May 7, 1936

William H. Burt
Museum of Zoology
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Burt:

Please change my address for the Journal of Mammalogy from 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C. to Lagunitas, California for the summer, changing back to Washington with the October number.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Similar letters sent May 8, 1936 to the following:

National Geographic Magazine
16th and M Streets
Washington, D. C.

Nature Magazine
1214 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

American Anthropologist
450 Ahnaip Street
Menasha, Wisconsin

Science and Scientific Monthly
Grand Central Terminal
New York City

American Forests
1713 K Street
Washington, D. C.

Literary Digest
354 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Indians at Work
Bureau Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Museum Notes
Flagstaff, Arizona

Natural History
Am. Museum Nat History
77th St. and Central Park W
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Mr. P. Gehan, Postmaster
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Gehan:

On and after receipt of this letter kindly hold all mail for Mrs. Merriam and myself at Lagunitas until our arrival, which will probably be in a week or so.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1936

Fidelity Storage Company
1420 U Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please call at 1919 16th Street for my usual spring shipment of materials for California. The packages are addressed to me at San Rafael, California. Kindly hold in your storehouse until further notice.

The shipment consists of three pieces: a wooden chest of manuscripts, a large flat package of manuscript maps, and a carton of manuscripts and other materials.

The lot should be insured for five thousand dollars and shipped express, charges collect, as usual.

The shipment should be held here until I wire you from California telling when they should be started.

Very truly yours,

May 13, 1936

National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

On and after May 15 kindly address my mail to Lagunitas, California, instead of 1919 16th Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,

May 13, 1936

National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

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Very truly yours,

May 15, 1936

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

I am leaving for California today and my address for the summer will be Lagunitas, California, as usual.

I had intended to call on you personally before leaving but am not very well and have my hands full in packing for the trip.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

May 15, 1936

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today, May 15, I am closing my house at 1919 16th Street, N.W. for the summer, bound for California where as usual my address will be Lagunitas, Marin County.

I shall be obliged if you will as heretofore have your patrolman for this district keep his eye on the house.

In case of trouble please notify my son-in-law, Henry D. Abbot, 2319 Tracy Place, or Vernon Bailey, 1834 Kalorama Road.

Very truly yours,

May 15, 1936

Potomac Electric Power Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street, for the summer. The electric current is turned off in the basement where it enteres the house, and should remain so until my return in October.

Very truly yours,

C Hart Merriam

May 15, 1936

Water Department
District Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I have turned the water off from my house, 1919 16th Street, N.W., to remain off during my absence in California this summer. I do not expect to return until October, and the house will remain unoccupied in my absence.

Very truly yours,

May 15, 1936

Washington Gas Light Company
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street, for the summer, and have turned off the gas where it enters the house in the basement. No gas should be turned on until my return in October.

Very truly yours,

May 15, 1936

Postmaster, U Street Station
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this letter please forward to Lagunitas, California, all first-class mail addressed to Mrs. C. Hart Merriam or myself at 1919 16th Street.

All other mail should be turned over to the postman for attention.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

LAGUNITAS
1936 Season

May 29, 1936

Mr. Asahel Curtis
625 Colman Building
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Curtis:

There has just been delivered to me at my summer home here at Lagunitas in California, your letter of the 12th inst. accompanied by some beautiful photographs of totem poles and also charming views of the Olympics and one of Mt. Rainier.

You were very kind to send me these. I greatly appreciate your courtesy and shall prize the pictures.

This place, Lagunitas, just north of Mt. Tamalpais on the north side of San Francisco Bay, has been my summer headquarters for about twenty-five years and is the base from which I am working with various tribes of Indians throughout California and Nevada--sometimes reaching over into Utah. During the period of my residence here I have collected vocabularies from every known tribe inhabiting California and Nevada, thus accumulating a vast amount of material from the now vanishing inhabitants of this part of the world.

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C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Expense Account Month May 1936

	Washington:				
May 2	Telephone April 26-May 25, 1936 $4.80	1/3	1	1.60	
	$25.32	1/3	2	8 44	
4	Fuel Oil, April 1936		3	26 64	
8	Anne Carr, services asst. May 1-8 @ $3.33 per day		4	3 00	
11	Allen Press Clippingd for April 1936		5	2 50	
15	Edith Jackson, cleaning office, May 1-15, 1936			1 60	
	Taxis and carfares, May 1-15, 1936				
15-19	Traveling expenses: Washington-San Francisco--				
	C.H.M.:				
	R.R. ticket Wash. San Francisco & return			126 20	
	Comp to Chicago; drawing rm. to S.F. $70.50	1/2		35 25	
	Meals on train $11; Pullman porters $1.50			12 50	
	Baggage transfers Washn, Chicago, S. F.			1 50	
	Hauling baggage San Rafael-Lagunitas			2 00	
24-27	J. Carr:				
	R.R. ticket Washn-San Francisco & return			126 20	
	Pullman berth, Washn-San Francisco			21 38	
	Telegram, Ohio to Berkeley (J.C. to C.H.M.)			1 28	
	Meals on train, $10; baggage transfers $2.50			12 50	
	Lagunitas, Calif.:				
May 19	Two copies Archaeology Consumnes Region		6	2 00	
	Auto tax, Marin County, Calif.			5 48	
	Affidavit of non-operation of car during winter			50	
	1936 Calif. license for car			12 09	
	McNair Garage, Berkeley, car storage during winter			23 75	

20	Telegram, C.H.M. Berkeley to E.Auburn, Los Angeles			50
	C.H.M. Berkeley to Fidelity Storage Co. Washn		1	28
21	Olney Ford Garage, Berkeley side wing windshields	8	10	30
	E. Auburn, Bus fare, Los Angeles-Oakland		8	00
22	Richmond-San Rafael ferry, car, self, asst.		1	00
24	10 gals gas @ 18½¢		1	86
25	Canadian Forestry Assn pubs 1936		2	00
26	Marvelous Marin pubs 1936		1	00
	San Rafael-Richmond, car, self, asst.		1	00
	Ferry, Berkeley-S.F. self, return			42
27	Meals, self, two assts.		5	15
28	Pickwick Hotel, S.F. rooms, self, asst.	9	8	50
	Bkfst. self, asst .75; Berkeley ferry asst. .21			96
	Richmond-San Raf. ferry, car, self, 2 assts.		1	15
	Expressage, Washn-San Rafael: vocabularies, maps, manuscripts; 3 insured packages	10	23	40
30	5 gals. gas @ 18½¢			93
	Eugene Auburn, services asst. May 22-31 @ $2.50	11	25	00

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May 31, 1936

W. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of May 1936 amounting to $518.86, including railway fares and expenses for my secretary Miss Carr and myself from Washington to Lagunitas, California; also salary voucher of $190 for month of May 1936 to Jean L. Carr, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

June 10, 1936

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Your letter of June 3 referring to the default in payment of interest on bonds of the Rio Grande Western Railway Company which will reduce the income of the Harriman Trust Fund $1,000 per annum is something of a shock. Nevertheless we have enough left to carry on.

I did not know that the Harriman Fund was invested in Rio Grande Western. I have no records here at Lagunitas but my poor recollection is that it was in Union Pacific.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

June 12, 1936

W. Lee Chambers, Manager
2068 Escarpa Drive, Eagle Rock
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Enclosed is my check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco of $4.00 for which kindly send me a copy of the Cooper Ornithological Club's Pacific Coast Avifauna No. 23, The Birds of Nevada by Jean M. Linsdale, reviewed in the April number of the Auk.

Very truly yours,

June 12, 1936

Lang Realty Corp.
39 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $28.47 in payment of Compensation Insurance Policy received from you this morning.

Kindly receipt and return the enclosed invoice.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 22, 1936

Board Personal Tax Appraisers
Office Assessor, District Columbia

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me two copies of the form "Personal Tax Return" for 1936-37, addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

June 23, 1936

Burleigh Brooks
127 W. 42 Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find sixty cents in stamps for a year's subscription to Rolleiflex Photography.

If possible kindly begin with the first issue, and mail to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

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June 24, 1936

Dear Doctor Dabney:

Your letter of June 13th inst. reaches me here at my summer base, Lagunitas, California. Sorry to have missed you and hope that sometime in the future I may have better luck.

I congratulate you on having a daughter of such distinction that she is to be Dean of Women of the University.

Ever since I left the Biological Survey, twenty-five years ago, I have been working with the numerous and varied Indian tribes of California and Nevada and have now obtained vocabularies from all of them. I did not begin any too early inasmuch as several of the tribes are already extinct.

With best wishes, and hoping to see you sometime,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Charles William Dabney
4 Warren Avenue
Bronxville, New York

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June 25, 1936

Dear Merriam:

Your neatly typed and well-expressed letter of June 15th reached us duly. We would like one every day or so. You say you wish you were here with us--we echo that sentiment.

Our place is more than usually beautiful this year because of the many and copious rains last winter and early spring. But we have few birds here compared with those of the open country. Nevertheless a Chewink and a pair of Juncos come to feed close to the house every day and are good to look at. It's not warm here at Lagunitas but is hot in the great valleys.

It is nice to have Beth with you and I hope she will gain in health and strength rapidly.

Thanks to you and your Mother for looking over our house again. It is good news to know that it is "bone dry".

With best wishes and love to you all,

C. Hart Merriam

June 30, 1936

Cashier
Crocker First National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me the market values as of July 1, 1936 of the securities listed on the enclosed sheet.

Very truly yours,

Will the Crocker National Bank kindly supply par and market values of the following securities, as of July 1, 1936, and oblige C. Hart Merriam, Lagunitas, California.

			Market	Par
BONDS				
	C M & St Paul	4s 1989		
	Conn Ry & Ltg	4½ 1951		
	Del & Hud	4 1943		
	Ill Cent (Lv Div)	3½ 1953		
	Imp Russian Credit	6½ 1919		
	NY NH & H	3½ 1954		
	So Calif Gas	4½ 1961		
	So Ry	5 1994		
	U P	4 1947		
STOCKS				
	N Eng Power	Pfd		20
	P G & E 6s	Pfd		40
	P G & E	Com		20
	Pot El Power 5½	Pfd		5
	Telepost (Internat)	Com		1
	U S Steel	Com		21
	Am Tel & Tel	Com		12

June 30, 1936

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of June 1936 amounting to $276.51; also salary voucher of $190 for June to my Secretary, Jean L. Carr, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

1936 Expense Account Month June 1936

June	2	Stamped envelopes and stamps			5 75
		Office supplies: pencils, erasers, paper clips			85
		Books: Martin Johnson, "Camera Trails"			1 05
		Roy C. Andrews, "Ends of the Earth"			1 05
	3	Allen's Press Clippings for May 1936		1	3 00
	6	San Rafael, 5 gals gas @ 18½¢			93
		Calif AAA auto insurance, pols. 20512 & 870919		2	55 84
	8	Ches. Pot. telephone for May $4.80 1/3 $1.60			
		Telegrams 2.48		3	4 08
	8	San Rafael, 5 gals gas @ 18½¢			93
	12	Linsdale: "Birds of Nevada" Cooper Ornith. Club.			4 00
		Lang Realty Corp. Employers Insurance June 1-Dec.1		4	28 47
	13	San Anselmo-S.F. asst. .48; S. F.-Berk. ferry .21			69
		S.F. carfares .20; lunches, self 2 assts 1.30			1 50
	15	Berkeley, Olney Ford Garage, car repair		5	4 60
		8 gals gas @ 18¢			1 44
		Richmond-San Rafael ferry car self 2 assts			1 15
		Meals, asst $1.90; notebooks .35			2 25
Trip to Colusa and Kah-chil					
June	17	Sears Point toll road, car self 2 assts			45
		Colusa: Dinner, self 2 assts			2 52
		6 rolls film 1.80; erasers .10			1 90
		Williams: 10 gals gas @ 19¢			1 90
	18	Colusa: Hotel Riverside ldg. self 2 assts		6	4 50
		Meals 2.90; garage, car storage .35			3 25
		Wintoon Indians at Kah-chil (vocab. & information)			5 30
		Corning: Dinner, self 2 assts			3 08
	19	Breakfast, self 2 assts			1 40
		5 gals gas .95; car storage .35			1 30
		Hotel Maywood, 3 rooms		7	6 00
		Colusa: lunch, self 2 assts			1 60
		Wintoon Indians at Kah-chil (vocab)			4 00
		Vacaville: 9½ gals gas			1 82
		Sears Point toll road car self 2 assts			45
		San Rafael: dinner, self 2 assts			1 55
	20	Berkeley: 5 gals gas @ 18¢			90
	24	San Rafael: car overhaul, oil, grease, 9 gals gas		8	6 19
	25	Hoo-koo-e-ko Indians, Tomales Bay, vocab work			2 00
	26	Sausalito-S.F. ferry,ret, self 2 assts			75
		S. F. Berk ferry ret asst .42; S.F. taxis 1.30			1 72
		S. F., meals self 2 assts			2 50
		P. G. & E. electricity May, June $13.80 1/3			4 60
	27	San Francisco, Hotel Pickwick, self asst		9	5 00
		Meals, self 2 assts			2 75
		Sausalito car storage			50
	30	Eugene Auburn, services general assistant, June 1-30			
		@ $3 per day		10	90 00
	13	San Rafael-Richmond ferry, car, self, asst			1 00
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July 4, 1936

Dear Helen:

Here are the pictures Miss Carr took of you and Ruth and the baby when we visited you a few weeks ago. All of them strike us as very good--especially the ones of Donald--and I'm sure you will like them. I am glad to have the ones of you and Ruth to put with those I took several years ago.

We just returned yesterday from a trip into the foothills. It was very hot there but is nice and cool here at Lagunitas. I wish you and your father could come here to see me sometime.

With best wishes,

Mrs. Ernest Baker
Box 623
Colusa, Calif.

July 4, 1936

Dear Ruth:

Enclosed are some pictures we took of you and Helen and Donald a short time ago. They are very good and I'm sure you will like them.

With kind regards to your father and best wishes to you all,

Miss Ruth Wiley
Box 623
Colusa, Calif.

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July 5, 1936

Editor, The Advocate
Susanville, California

Dear Sir:

Your paper of June 27 contains an interesting article on the basket collection of Frank Carroll, who I infer is a resident of Susanville.

The article states: "The Digger Indians made their baskets with a sharp stick". I am wondering if you could tell me the name of the tribe of Indians to which the name "Digger" is applied in this article.

As a matter of fact, <u>there is no such tribe as Digger</u>, notwithstanding the fact that the name has been applied to tribes of nearly every linguistic stock of western California.

Therefore I would greatly appreciate it if you could tell me what tribe is here referred to.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 10, 1936

Dear Barbara Hastings McKee:

On returning from an unusually profitable trip with Indians in the Sierra foothills I was happy to find your kind letter of July 1. I am greatly obliged for your continued interest in my prospective work with Arizona Piutes, and am very glad to know about the band you mention at Willow Springs.

It is reassuring to know that there are accomodations at the trading post. Under the circumstances anything will be thankfully appreciated.

It is good to know that notwithstanding the heat your children are thriving and enjoying life at the Canyon. Here we have not been troubled with hot weather although we found a little of that kind in the field--and expect more before the season is over. We have just had a day's rain--something remarkable at Lagunitas in July.

With kindest regards to you all and appreciative thanks for your continued effort to put me on the right trail when I get there in the fall,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Barbara Hastings McKee
Grand Canyon, Arizona

July 10, 1936

Dear A. K.:

Returning from a trip to Indians for my usual vocabulary work I was surprised and pained to find that you and Walter had been here just a few hours after I had left.

I am more sorry than I can tell to have missed you. I had supposed that you had gone back to Washington long ago or I would have written Walter to try to make an appointment. It goes without saying that you have had a good time while in California and I deeply regret that I was not able to be a part of it.

I still hope to see Walter before he goes East--as I suppose he will as usual.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. A. K. Fisher
1236 11th Street, N W
Washington, D. C.

July 10, 1936

Dear Walter:

It was a pretty hard blow that hit me on returning from the last field trip to find that you and your paternal ancestor had been to our place while I was gone--in fact, apparently only a few hours after we had left. Next time we try to see each other let's try to remember to send word a little ahead.

I didn't see the signature of your good wife on the slip on the door and therefore assume she was not with you.

My best to you both,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Walter K. Fisher
Hopkins ~~Biological~~ Station
Pacific Grove, Calif.

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July 15, 1935

Assessor
Board Personal Tax Appraisers
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is my Personal Tax Return for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937.

Please send statement of amount due addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

July 16, 1936

Dear Sterling Bunnell, junior:

Here is a thin book of pictures of mammals and birds to add to your already large collection.

The birds are not so good as those you already have, but you may find some of them interesting. The mammal pictures at the end of the book should be looked at one at a time because they are of such different scales. Thus on page 41 the Mink and Weasel appear to be about the same size, but in reality the Mink is much the larger.

The same is true of several of the others--your father will tell you about these.

With best wishes and love to your father and mother and your dear self,

July 16, 1936

Dear Batchelder:

Congratulations on your rapidly approaching eightieth birthday. You are only about half a year younger than I, and I am glad that we both have succeeded in living so long and in accomplishing something along the lines that have been our life work.

Personally I am still at work on the Indians of California and have obtained vocabularies from all the known tribes of this state and also of Nevada. It has been a worth-while but strenuous piece of work.

With greetings and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Charles F. Batchelder
Peterboro, N.H.

July 16, 1936

Mr. F. H. Kennard
Museum Comparative Zoology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Kennard:

Thanks for your note of the 6th inst. which awaited my return from a recent field trip. I'm obliged for your hint and have dropped Batchelder a congratulatory eightieth birthday note. It seems that he is about half a year my junior.

For more than thirty years I have been working with Indians ~~here~~ in California and in 1912 built my house here among the redwoods at Lagunitas, just north of Mt. Tamalpais.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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July 16, 1936

Dear Harry:

Your letter awaited my return from a field trip in Sacramento Valley.

It is good news that Dick has been awarded a fellowship at Berkeley and that he is going to teach Geology while working for his doctor's degree. Our congratulations.

We are glad to know this and also that you are likely to drive to Berkeley with him.

As you probably know, my work is with Indians in various parts of the state so that I am at home only between trips. During my absence Elizabeth goes to San Francisco or elsewhere, our house being closed while I'm away.

If you will let me know as nearly as practicable when you will arrive in Berkeley, I'll try to be at home at that time, and Elizabeth and I will be glad to see you.

With love to you all,

Hart

Mr. Harry S. Merriam
San Marcos, California

July 20, 1936

Mrs. Julia Elgan
Marshall, California

Dear Mrs. Elgan:

Here are the pictures I took of you and some of the children at your house several weeks ago, and which I promised to send you. They did not come til this morning.

They are not so very good so I hope I can sometime get some better ones.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

July 30, 1936

Eric H. Swenson
2119½ Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Enclosed are five negatives from which kindly make two prints each enlarged to postal size approximately, and mail to me as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 25, 1936

Marin County Auditor
San Rafael, California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for $42.14 in payment of the second instalment of taxes on my property at Lagunitas for 1933, which according to your records has not been paid.

Kindly send me receipt for same. Enclosed is a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

1936 Expense Account, Month July 1936

June 30	San Rafael: 10 gals gas @ 18½¢			1	85
	Richmond-San Rafael ferry car self 2 assts			1	15
	Carquinez Bridge toll car self 2 assts				90
	Sacramento: 5 gals gas @ 19¢				95
	Meals, self 2 assts			4	40
July 1	Auburn: 5 gals gas @ 19¢ .95; meals,self 2 assts 5.10			6	05
	Indians, Auburn Res. vocab & information			4	00
2	Auburn: meals, self 2 assts.			5	30
	Indians, Auburn Res. vocab & information			4	00
3	Hotel Auburn, 3 rooms, 3 nights		1	16	50
	Breakfasts, lunches self, 2 assts			2	75
	Carquinez Bridge toll car self 2 assts				90
	Richmond-San Raf. ferry car self 2 assts			1	15
	San Rafael: 8 gals gas @ 18½¢			1	48
6	Sausalito-S.F. ferry, self 2 assts ret				75
	S. F.-Berkeley ferry asst ret				42
	S. F. carfares .50; meaks self assts 2.50			3	00
	Pint Sanford Premium ink $1; carbon paper .55			1	55
	2 typewriter ribbons @ $1 (plus tax)			2	10
7	Hotel Powell, S. F. ldg. one night, self asst		2	4	00
	S.F. meals self assts $3; Saus. car storage .50			3	50
11	Saus-S.F. ferry self assts ret .75; car storage .35			1	10
	S. F. carfares .30; lunches self assts 1.60			1	90
12	Berk: 12 gal gas $2.16; lunch asst .50			2	66
14	Allen Press Clippings for June 1936		3	3	00
	Eric Swenson, photo work, June 1936		4	9	46
17	Saus-S.F. self assts .75; S.F. carfares .30			1	05
	S. F. maps .75; Saus car storage .35			1	10
18	Phone, Lag.-Berkeley (Swenson photo)				25
	Second trip to Auburn Reservation				
20	San Anselmo: 8 gals gas @ 18¾¢			1	48
	Saus-S.F. ferry self assts car 1.40; carfares .20			1	60
	River boat S. F. to Sacramento--				
	car $3.50; self 2 assts 4.50			8	00
	rooms for night $3; dinner self 2 assts $2.50			5	50
21	Indians, Auburn Res. vocab & information			4	00
	Auburn, meals, self 2 assts			5	35
22	Hotel Auburn, ldg. self 2 assts		5	6	00
	Auburn: 5 gals gas @ 19¢				95
	Carquinez Bridge toll car self 2 assts				90
	Berk.: 7 gals gas @ 18 1.26; meals self assts 3.05			4	31
23	Berk. Whitecotton Hotel ldg. asst 1 night		6	2	50
	Breakfasts, assts				50
	Richmond-San Raf ferry car self 2 assts			1	15
28	San Raf; car lubrication, oil change, 8 gal gas		7	3	72
31	Eugene Auburn, services asst, July 1-31 @ $3 per day		8	93	00
	P.G.&E. elec cur June 19-July 1 $13.16 1/3			4	39
				230	57

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C. Hart Merriam

July 31, 1936

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of July 1936, amounting to $230.57; and also salary voucher for month of July 1936 for $190.00 to my Secretary, Jean Carr, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 31, 1936

Miss Isabel Kelly
Dept. Anthropology, U. C.
Berkeley, California

Dear Miss Kelly:

Very many thanks for your kind letter of yesterday. I am thankful for the information you have given me about the one-eyed Piute, Joe Francis, at Tuba, and shall certainly make an effort to see him.

Heretofore the Piutes south of the Canyon have proved scarce and rather unsatisfactory--largely by reason of their lack of speaking knowledge of English. Your Joe Francis sounds like a worthwhile exception.

Several months ago when still in Washington I began a letter to you commenting on your excellent paper on the Wintoon of Sacramento Valley --northerly, but increasing pressure of other matters prevented its completion. I was interested to see that some of your informants were among those worked by me many years ago.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 5, 1936

Dear Henry:

What's the use of having relations if we don't impose on them once in a while?

The enclosed postal means that Stechert and Co., book importers, have sent an express package to me at 1919 16th Street which undoubtedly contains one of the successive parts of a large quarto anthropological publication to which I subscribed many years ago. You will greatly oblige me by sending a messenger to the express office for it with the enclosed notice, advancing the necessary charges--which I'll adjust on returning to Washington.

Have just returned from a long and at times hot trip around the north part of the state, stopping one night at Eureka and traversing the splendid Redwood groves from Humboldt Bay to Lane Grove--a glorious and impressive drive. Wish you could have been along.

We hear from the majority of your family quite frequently—and happily it is always good news.

Knowing that you are busy and trusting that you are keeping well,

As ever yours,

Mr. Henry D. Abbot
2319 Tracy Place
Washington, D. C.

August 5, 1936

Mr. Frank Carroll
118 Russell Avenue
Susanville, California

Dear Mr. Carroll:

Very many thanks for your letter of July 11 in regard to some of the Indians of your region. I am not surprised to note that you, as well as the Indians of your region, resent the term 'Digger'. Several years ago I succeeded in having this name abolished from use in the Indian Office in Washington.

Although I have a fairly large collection of Indian baskets I have only once come across a baby basket with a sharp point which the mother sticks in the ground while working. This one I obtained in the Tulare Lake region near the south end of San Joaquin Valley. I am glad to know about those of the Midoo.

If I am able to visit northeastern California again I shall be glad to call on you and see your collection of Indian work. Should also like to see the prehistoric ruin you mention.

Thanking you for your letter and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

August 12, 1936

Dear Vernon:

Thanks for yours of July 31 enclosing letters from Boies Penrose.

It seems he was a little too prompt in sending you Beaver Dick's letters, as a result of which they reached Washington after we had gone. But since his letter to you is addressed to the Biological Survey I assume that the packet of Beaver Dick's letters was sent to the same address--and that they have been put in a safe place--properly in a fire-proof safe--to await your return. Of course I do not want them sent to California for I am far too busy with my own work here.

Today I'm writing to Boies Penrose thanking him for the use of the letters and telling him that I will return them soon after returning to Washington.

Harry and his son Dick came yesterday and left us this morning. Were very glad to see them again.

You and Florence are very good to ask us to visit you, but it's impracticable. Don't expect to get so far south, and must quit California early enough to make the Painted Desert trip before the fall rains.

As ever,
Hart

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August 12, 1936

Dr. Boies Penrose
Devon, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Penrose:

Your letter of July 13 addressed to Vernon Bailey at the Biological Survey, Washington, on the subject of the Beaver Dick letters has been sent to me for acknowledgement.

It was indeed kind of you to send the packet of letters to Mr. Bailey. He and I are now engaged in field work in California, but on my return to Washington in October I shall appreciate the opportunity of reading the letters and shall return them to you as soon as practicable.

I have a large series of Beaver Dick's letters, written to me in 1872 and subsequent years. Beaver Dick and his wife and young son were with us in Idaho in 1872 at which time I was Naturalist of the Hayden Expedition. His wife was a Nez Perces Indian woman and his son a fine intelligent lad who later, along with his mother, died of small-pox during a serious epidemic of that disease.

With appreciation of your courtesy,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 12, 1936

Dear Walter:

Thanks for your letter of July 14 in reply to my regrets at not seeing you and your dad when you came to Lagunitas.

Since you wrote we have been on a not very successful trip in great heat up north through Sacramento Valley, and back by way of the Redwood Highway; and just now have been through a very dense and interesting forest in Bear Valley on the Tamalpais peninsula, passing the Country Club headquarters (inhabited by a single Chinaman because of mid-week). The forest is of unusual density, saturated with moisture and with almost continuous areas of fern and damp-to-wet country vegatation. A doe with two spotted fawns gazed at us from a distance of less than two rods and showed no sign of fright.

My cousin Harry Merriam and his son Dick were with us on this trip. Harry is returning to his home in Merriam Valley in southern California while his son is entering the Berkeley University on a scholarship.

Glad to know that your good wife is, or has been, enjoying her modeli and sculpture work in Oregon. If she has returned give her our best love.

Your spring trip over the Siskiyous and Crater Lake must have been a great joy. I should appreciate seeing that country again. It is [illegible]ock that you met Elmer Applegate, whose

botanical knowledge of the west coast region I greatly envy.

I am glad also that you met up with our old packer, Selden Ogle, but sorry he is afflicted with asthma.

Your Ford has certainly done a good job--40,000 miles without valve grinding! My 1935 Ford 8 with a big trunk behind is a joy forever. There has never been the least trouble with it and it goes and goes.

With love to you both, in which Elizabeth joins,

C. Hart Merriam

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August 21, 1936

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Owing to the unfortunate circumstance that I am far behind in my Indian work, and much too old (well past eighty) to give more time to other lines, I realize the necessity of giving up botanical studies.

As you know, I have collected a lot of manzanitas and some other brush and humbler plants, specimens of which are at my home here at Lagunitas. The mounted specimens fill four drawers of a steel file case. Besides these there are some bundles of unmounted specimens.

If you care for this collection, mounted and unmounted, I shall be glad to donate it to your herbarium.

I suggest that you come here in a car with one of your assistants so you can tie the specimens in bundles to take back with you. I expect to be home for a week or more and Mrs. Merriam and I will be most happy to have you and your assistant for lunch.

If this seems worth while to you, kindly let me know when it will be convenient for you to come.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

1936 Expense Account--Month August 1936

August	1	San Raf-Richmond ferry, car self 2 assts			1 15
		Berkeley: 7 gals gas @ 18¢-1.26; Meals, assts. $3			4 26
		Carquinez Bridge toll, Car, self 2 assts.			90
	2	Red Bluff: 11 gals gas @ 19¢			2 09
		Tremont Hotel, one night self 2 assts		1	6 50
		Garage, one night .50; Meals, self 2 assts 3.90			4 40
	3	Eureka: 10 gals gas @ 19½¢-1.95; Garage .50			2 45
		Eureka Inn, one night, self, 2 assts		2	7 00
		Willets: 9 gals gas @ 20¢			1 80
		Meals, $5.70; Carquinez Bridge car & 3 .90			6 60
	4	Rich-San Raf ferry, car & 3-1.15; Brkfst,assts. .60			1 75
		San Rafael: 11 gals gas @ 18½¢			2 04
	5	Allen Press Clippings for July 1936		3	3 00
	7	San Rafael: 7 gals gas; oil and grease		4	3 54
	11	Eric Swenson, photo work for July 1936		5	15 76
	13	San Rafael: telegram to Smithsonian			2 06
		San Raf-Richmond ferry, car, self, 2 assts			1 15
		Berkeley: 10 gals gas 1.80; clean spark plugs .40			2 20
		Rich-San Raf ferry, car & 3-1.15; lunch assts 1.20			2 35
		Stanford Bookstore, four Calif. maps		6	1 78
		Trip to Soboba Indian Reservation:			
	14	Sausalito-S.F. ferry, car self 2 assts			1 05
		Salinas: 8 gals gas @ 18¢-1.44; Meals 3.10			4 54
	15	Paso Robles: Hotel Taylor, ldg. self 2 assts		7	4 50
		8 gals gas @ 19¢- 1.52; garage .50			2 02

		Ventura: 9 gals gas @ 18¢ 1.62; Meals 4.50			6 12
	16	Riverside: Hotel Potter, ldg. one night		8	6 00
		7 gals gas @ 18¢- 1.26; Meals, self, assts 4.55			5 81
		Indian, Soboba Reservation, vocab work & information			3 50
	17	Hemet: Hotel Alessandro, ldg. one night self assts		9	6 00
		Indian, Soboba Reservation, vocab work & information			2 00
		Los Angeles: 10 gals gas 1.75; Meals 3.78			5 53
	18	Bakersfield: Hotel Tegeler, ldg, self 2 assts		10	5 50
		Oil and grease change		11	2 55
		8 gals gas @ 18¢ 1.44; Meals, self assts. 3.30			4 74
	19	Merced: 9 gals gas @ 18½¢-1.67; Meals, assts 1.15			2 82
		Berkeley: Whitecotton Hotel, asst, one night		12	2 60
		Rich-San Raf ferry, car, self 2 assts			1 05
		San Rafael: 7 gals gas @ 18½¢ 1.30; stamps 1.20			2 50
	21	Eugene Auburn, services asst. Aug 1-21,1936 @ $3		13	63 00
		Rich. ferry, car,self,assts 1.05; Meals, assts 1.90			2 95
	22	Berkeley: Whitecotton Hotel, ldg, asst one night		14	2 50
		3 rolls Leica film 2.10; Breakfast, asst .25			2 35
		Rich-San Raf. ferry, car self 2 assts & return			2 10
	25	Berkeley: 13 gals gas @ 18¢			2 34
		Olney Ford Garage, car repair		15	10 74
		Rich-San Raf ferry car, self, one asst.			90
	30	P.G.&E. el. current July 21-Aug.20 $11.44 1/3			3 81
	31	Albert O'Nion, services asst. Aug.22-31 @ $3.50		16	35 00
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August 31, 1936

N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my Expense Account for the month of August 1936, amounting to $267.30; also salary voucher of $190.00 for August to my Secretary Jean Carr, both of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

September 1, 1936

Collector of Taxes, D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check on the National Metropolitan Bank for $122.46 in full payment of my D. C. Personal Tax assessment for 1937 on intangible property.

Kindly return receipt to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Harriman

September 1, 1936

Dear Harry:

Thanks for your letter of August 18--which awaited my return from a recent field trip.

Glad to know that you had a good time up here and reached home in safety. It is good also to know that Dick has found comfortable quarters in Berkeley. You say he is bashful, but is this not a usual quality of most members of the Merriam tribe?

It is good also to know that Sheldon is doing well with your ranch and that the grapes were ripening when you wrote.

I fear it will be impossible for me to visit the valley this year as I expect to go to Arizona in the near future.

With love to you all--in which Elizabeth joins,

As ever,
Hart

Mr. Harry S. Merriam
San Marcos, California

September 1, 1936

Dear Barbara Hastings McKee:

Time is passing so rapidly that I am wondering how long it will be before I should make the Painted Desert trip. You were good enough to write me as to where accommodations may be had at trading posts in the neighborhood of some of the Piute Indians, and more recently Vernon Bailey has written of another trading post man who could put me in touch with some of these people.

So I am now writing to ask when it will probably be cool enough to make the trip safely. Unfortunately, my diabetes does not allow me to work in high temperatures. I recently suffered a severe relapse after three days' work in southern California.

There is no particular hurry on my part as I have more than plenty to do in California, but as you know I am anxious to get this additional information from the desert country before returning to Washington.

With kindest regards to you all in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Barbara Hastings McKee
Grand Canyon, Arizona

September 1, 1936

Dear Florence:

Returning from a recent field trip I found your letter enclosing Betty's memorandum about the family monument. The information she gives appears to be of no value for the reason, if I am not mistaken, that she copied the lettering on the wrong side of the monument.

This monument, like most others, has four sides and it is impossible for us to know exactly what is on the three other sides, or at least so many of them as are inscribed.

Evidently your folks are fairly busy with the additions to your house and garage. It's a fine thing that Chester will have such a comfortable home.

It is beautiful here now as usual--early fog normally going about eight, with clear still days. Our Crested Bluejays--only three in number this year--are feeding on the huckleberries as they ripen on the bushes about the house; and a single male Pipilo takes grain daily from the plank walk alongside. The Juncos that have nested near by came daily for grain until recently but have now disappeared.

Love to you all,

Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey
Route 2,
San Marcos,

September 1, 1936

Collector of Taxes, D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

To date I have received no statement of the amount of taxes due on my home property, Sq.190, Lot 805, at 1919 Sixteenth Street, payable in September for the current year.

Kindly send same to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

September 1, 1936

Dear Betty:

Thanks for your letter of July 24 from Wendover, Nevada. Your auto trip this year indicates an almost unbelievable improvement of the old roads with additions of new ones since the time of my first and second crossings more than twenty years ago. Then there were no continuous roads and of course no paved road anywhere. It took us, in one of the best cars of the time, thirty-one days from Washington to San Francisco.

No, Florence didn't tell me about the spectacular road from Mesa Verdi to the Canyon via Bluff and Kayenta.

Congratulations to Che-bub'-ba on his remarkable journey. Che-bub'-ba is merely his own name. Most of the flying squirrels I have had alive uttered this word at frequent intervals.

Florence has forwarded your letter of August 17 giving the names of Uncle James and family as engraved on the east face of the family monument on Leyden Hill; but no mention is made of the lettering on the three other sides, or of the size of the space left on the James Merriam side.

If you have a camera, as I'm sure you have, the simplest way would be to photograph all four sides. I should think

that by watching the midday or afternoon shadows you would be able to photograph the letters so that they would show.

With love to your mother and yourself--in which your Aunt Elizabeth joins,

As ever,

Miss Betty Hone
Lyons Falls, N. Y.

September 14, 1936

Collector of Taxes
Office of the Assessor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D. C. for $255.20 in full payment of the real estate taxes for the year ending June 30, 1937 on my lot at 1919 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Kindly return receipt. Stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 15, 1936

Mr. Antonio La Chusa
Soboba Indian Hospital
San Jacinto, Calif.

Dear Mr. La Chusa:

Enclosed are enlargements of the photographs I took of you and your wife on my visit to the Reservation last month.

Just received them today from the photographer--sorry they did not come sooner.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

September 15, 1936

Mr. Clifford L. B. Hubbard
39 All Saints Road
Notting Hill, London, W. 11.

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

On returning to my summer base for field work in California (Lagunitas, a few miles north of San Francisco Bay) I found your letter about the Coyotes, forwarded from Washington.

On my return to Washington I think I may be able to send you one of my publications on these animals--the one enumerating the species and subspecies then recognized.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 15, 1936

Mr. Roy Yager
La Pine, Oregon

Dear Mr. Yager:

Again I am writing to ask about your so-called Lava-bed Bear. Has he kept on growing so that he would be hard to tell from an ordinary Black Bear, or is he still a dwarf?

Shall be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 15, 1936

Dear Ference and Vernon:

None of us have heard from the others of us for some time past. About the middle of August I had to drop field work and rush home because of another onset of my old trouble, Diabetes.

Barbara Hastings McKee writes that she will take me in her car to the Indians I want to work with on the Painted Desert and suggests very early October as a good time to go. For this reason I expect to close house here at Lagunitas sometime between the first and fifth of October.

If I remember correctly, you wrote that you expect to leave for Washington about the first of October. Can't you come a little early and spend a few days with us on the way? I can meet you at Zenmida's at any time and bring you up here. We should be mighty glad to see you here once more.

With love to you both, expanding to cover our several relations and friends in the valley.

As ever,

September 23, 1936

Office of Assessor
Collector of Taxes
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On September 14 I mailed you my check on the National Metropolitan Bank for $255.20 in full payment of the Real Estate Taxes to June 30, 1937 on my property at 1919 16th Street, N. W. I also enclosed stamped self-addressed envelope for return of receipt.

This envelope was returned to me (received this morning) with the enclosed tax bill--not marked paid.

I am therefore returning it herewith with another stamped self-addressed envelope. Kindly mark paid and return to me at once.

Very truly yours,

September 26, 1936

Museum of Zoology
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

Please change my address for the Journal of Mammalogy from Lagunitas, California to 1919 16th St. Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,
C Hart Merriam

Similar letters sent September 23, 1936 to the following:-

National Geographic Magazine
16th and M Streets
Washington, D. C.

American Anthropologist
450 Ahnaip Street
Menasha, Wisconsin

American Forests
1713 K. Street
Washington, D. C.

Indians at Work
Bureau Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Readers Digest
Pleasantville, N. Y.

Nature Magazine
1214 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

Science and Scientific Monthly
Grand Central Terminal
New York City

Literary Digest
354 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Museum Notes
Flagstaff, Arizona

Natural History
Am. Museum Natural History
77th St. & Central Park W
New York City

September 27, 1936

Allen Press Clipping Bureau
255 Commercial Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

On and after receipt of this letter kindly send my press clippings to 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C. instead of Lagunitas, California.

Very truly yours,

G. Hunt Thurman

September 28, 1936

U. S. Geological Survey
Sacramento, California

Dear Sirs:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will send two copies of your latest Land Office Map of Arizona, addressed and billed to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

G. Hunt Thurman

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Telegram

San Rafael, Calif

September 28, 1936

N. H. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Please hold September salary check until I call for it.

Am returning east in few days.

C. Hart Merriam

Telegram

September 28, 1936

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Please hold September check until I call for it

Am returning east in few days.

C. Hart Merriam

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